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Mississippian Returns On Gripsholm

Miss Juanita Byrd Released From Internment



MISS JUANITA BYRD who arrived in New York, December 2, with 1500 repatriates from the Orient.

Miss Byrd is the daughter of Mrs. J. E. Byrd, of Nashville, Tenn., and the late Dr. J. E. Byrd of Mount Olive, Miss. She was graduated from the Mount Olive High School, Mississippi Woman's College of Hattiesburg, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary of Fort Worth, Mississippi College of Clinton, and the North China Union Language School of Peiping, China. (Peking.)

She went out to China in the summer of 1928. After a year's study in the Language School she became a member of the faculty of the University of Shanghai in Shanghai, China. She has taught English in our university there these years since.

She was in Shanghai in 1932 when the city was partially destroyed by the invading Japanese army. The faculty of the university, and our missionaries in the city remained in Shanghai during this entire siege. The Japanese air force used a part of the university campus for a landing field during this campaign against the city of Shanghai. Of course, this experience made a lasting impression upon our missionaries who went through it all.

Miss Byrd came back to the States in the summer of 1935 for a year's furlough. She returned to China in the summer of 1936, and had taught another year when the war broke out again in Shanghai in August of 1937. All of our women missionaries were forced to leave the city this time for a while. They were taken out of the city on the Saturday when a large portion of the city of Shanghai, the world's sixth largest city, was demolished by the Japanese Air Force. They found refuge in Manila for a

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STATE CONVENTION BOARD OUTLINES 1944 PLANS

The Convention Board adopted a state mission budget totaling \$111,400, re-elected all officers, provided for a full-time worker among the Negroes and a B. S. U. Secretary in its annual meeting in the First Baptist Church, of Jackson, on Monday and Tuesday, December 6 and 7.

John D. Davis of Greenville was re-elected president of the Convention Board, and W. E. Lee was re-elected secretary, but due to his illness, George Gay was elected secretary pro tem.

The budget of \$111,400 was allocated as follows: Church building, \$4,250.00; Negro work, \$2,400.00; Indian work, \$600.00; Evangelism, \$12,400; B. S. U. work, \$5,000.00; Sunday school department, \$10,000.00; Training Union department, \$8,000.00; Historical Society, \$100.00; Evangelistic conferences, \$1,500.00; Ministers' Retirement Board employees, \$1,500.00; Ministers' Retirement office help, \$750.00; Ministers' Retirement, \$9,000.00; Convention expenses, \$250.00; fixed expenses, \$300.00; Board meet-

ing, \$1,200.00; Week of Prayer and Sunday school state mission offering, \$800.00. Tracts and advertising, \$1,000.00; Stewardship Conferences, \$600.00; Whitfield worker, \$400.00; Reserve Fund, \$10,000.00; W. M. U. department, \$13,250; pastors' support, \$11,000.00; soldiers' work, \$7,000.00; two evangelists (privately supported), \$6,100.00; B. S. U. secretary, \$4,000.00.

The following were elected to serve on the Executive Committee for the coming year: John D. Davis, W. E. Lee, J. B. Parker, J. D. Ray, R. D. Pearson, W. A. Hewitt, E. D. Hurst, G. C. Hodge, J. L. Sullivan.

Twenty-one churches were granted church building aid and appropriations were made to 34 churches for pastoral aid.

Mrs. J. A. Anderson of Belzoni was elected chairman for "Kits for Russia" and the fifth Sunday in January, or any suitable Sunday, was designated as "American Bible Society Offering Day."

As heretofore, receipts will be divided on a 40-60 basis.



J. H. WARE

J. H. Ware Home From Japanese Internment Camp

Among the missionaries on the Gripsholm was J. H. Ware of Shanghai. Mr. Ware stayed by his work when the government required women and children to come home. His family is at Tupelo, Mrs. Ware's former home. She was Miss Mary Bibb Long, daughter of the late Judge C. P. Long and Mrs. Long. The following sketch shows the versatility of the missionary:

Having finished the University of Georgia before he was 20, Mr. Ware taught school, and engaged in insurance work. He was called to the ministry at Druid Hills church in Atlanta, and completed his seminary training at Louisville after serving in the navy during the first World War. After going out to Shanghai, he was married to Miss Long. They

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DR. DUKE K. McCALL

Trained Ministry Is Stressed Dr. Duke McCall Inaugurated as B. B. I. President

Dr. Duke Kimbrough McCall, its third president and probably the youngest seminary president in the country, was inaugurated as president of the Baptist Bible Institute on Thursday night, December 2, before an overflow crowd in the auditorium of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

The inauguration ceremony was presided over by Dr. P. I. Lipsey, the president of the Board of Trustees, and former editor of The Baptist Record. Dr. Lipsey, as editor of The Baptist Record, wrote the first editorial to appear in any of our Baptist papers in support of the effort to establish the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans. He has been an able supporter of this school from the

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A Story of Supreme Courage



FIRST LT. JESSE D. "RED" FRANKS, JR.

(One of the most heart-gripping messages that has come out of this war is a letter written by Lieutenant J. D. Franks, Jr., who gave up his studies at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, to enter the aviation service of this country. The following to his father, pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbus, Mississippi, and to his only sister—his mother passed away several years ago—tells its own story of faith, courage and devotion.)

"Dearest Dad:

"I want to write you a little note before our big raid tomorrow. It will be the biggest and toughest we have had yet. Our target is the oil fields which supply Germany with over three-fourths of her oil. We will get our target at any cost, and on a raid we can never foresee all that will happen. Our planes are made for high altitude bombing but this time we are going in at 50 feet above our target so there will be no second trip to complete the job. We will destroy the oil refineries in one blow. Hitler cannot run his planes, tanks, and trucks without this oil and the war will be shortened, they tell us, by a year after the raid and may knock Italy clear out of the picture.

"Dad, if anything should happen—don't feel bitter at all. Please stay the same. I remember how happy you were when I did decide to go to the Seminary and then again when I joined the Air Corps in preference to staying in the Seminary. You are the best Dad in the world—always too good for a boy who was a pretty bad little redhead at times. I am glad that I am in this group and will get a chance at the important target. I know that it will save many lives from the results, so any cost is worth it. So, Dad, remember that, and the cost whatever it may be, was not in vain. I don't want you to think I gave up before I ever got in the air. No, that is not the reason I'm writing this at all. We are fully aware of

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Sparks & Splinters

C. S. Thomas began his pastorate at Daniel Baptist Church, Terry Road, Jackson, December 1. Dr. Thomas has held pastorates in Leesburg, Fla.; Enterprise, Alabama; East St. Louis, Illinois; Itta Bena, Miss.; Carrollton, Miss., and Duck Hill, Miss. Both Dr. and Mrs. Thomas have been cordially received by the people of Daniel church. They will make their home in Leavell Woods Subdivision.—Mrs. Jack Harris, reporter.

Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., says: "In this tragic day when men need God so much, every Christian should ask himself four vital questions about his own zeal in winning others to Christ: 1. How much do I care? 2. How sincere is my prayer? 3. How much of Christ do I have to share? 4. How far am I willing to dare?"—Watchman-Examiner.

When J. B. Hemphill becomes pastor of a church The Baptist Record office begins to look out for a list of subscriptions. Recently a letter brought a nice list of 75% of the families from Jayess. How helpful are the pastors to The Baptist Record!

Chaplain and Mrs. Willis Brown are the proud parents of a brown-eyed boy born at the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, on November 26. His name is Willis Alfred Brown, Jr. Chaplain Brown was formerly pastor at Shuqualak. Mrs. Brown was the former Ruby Taylor, who served several years as elementary worker in the state Sunday School Department.

Pastor R. H. Fitzgerald writes that he is happy over the progress of the Clear Creek church at Puckett. The church adopted the Cooperative Program as their choice in sharing in the work of Christ, raised the pastor's salary and provided his trip to the State Convention. They plan to hold prayer services every Wednesday night. The church enjoyed the visit of the state mission secretary, D. A. McCall, in which he spoke and showed pictures of fields of labor, and the life of Christ. The members are enjoying The Baptist Record.

The Baptist Record is grateful for a letter from Treasurer H. McDavid, of the First Baptist Church, Gulfport, bringing a nice list of 84 subscriptions.

Elgin West, Mississippi College student, has accepted the half-time pastorate of Antioch church, Attala county.—Mrs. R. F. Wade.

The Thanksgiving offering for the Baptist Orphanage by Morton Baptist Church was valued at \$118.12—\$87.37 cash and \$30.75 worth of supplies.

Eugene I. Farr has resigned Shady Grove church in George county to accept the work at Wilmer, Alabama, for half time. Wilmer is just across the line and is really nearer to Agricola where Pastor Farr lives than is Shady Grove. He will continue to serve Agricola half time.

Antioch church, Jones county, has recently gone to half-time and has more than doubled their budget. They have just completed a good study course, "Building A Standard Sunday School."—Paul Z. Ball is pastor.

J. Earl Bryant, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Hattiesburg, has returned from a good meeting at the First Baptist Church, Gunnison, Colorado. T. C. Hathorn, a Mississippian, is pastor.

Shelton church, Jones county, reports their work progressing in every phase. Pastor Paul Z. Ball has moved on the field.

County Line Baptist Church, Rankin county, recently completed the study course entitled, "Building A Standard Sunday School." Pastor R. O. Rankston taught the book. Their Thanksgiving offering for the Orphanage was \$20. The church paid their 1943 Now Club quota and is continuing payments to the Now Club and other denominational objects.

The executive board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention elected 26-year-old C. E. Bryant as editor of the Arkansas Baptist, state denominational publication, to succeed Lewis A. Myers, now serving as an army chaplain.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Don F. Pielstick, Chicago, Ill.; C. A. Hill, Crystal Springs; Mrs. Warren E. Thomas, Memphis, Tennessee; Miss Edith Sue Williams, Memphis, Tennessee; Rev. John B. Gordon, Mobile, Alabama; Rev. B. A. McCullough, Braxton; Rev. J. T. Tolar, Charleston; Rev. C. W. Smith, Sallis; Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton; Chaplain William H. Hewitt, Summit.

Correction: In a recent article in the Aberdeen Examiner there appeared a list of churches in various counties with amount pledged to Now Club and the amounts paid. Center Hill, Monroe, was listed as having pledged \$200 and only paid \$197.66. This was an error, they have paid \$200.16. Please make this correction in the record for us.—Daphne S. Pridgen, Now Club recorder.

Dr. Frank Anderson, who, for seventeen years has served Iowa Baptists as Executive Secretary, has resigned to become pastor of the Merrill, Wis., church.

Chaplain Percy F. Herring, 400 East Adams street, Kosciusko, Mississippi, is leaving army connections soon and will be ready to re-enter the pastorate. He is one of our fine young men, and we would be glad to help anyone get in contact with him.

Rev. J. S. Deaton, Clinton Boulevard, Jackson, Mississippi, has resigned his work at Daniels church, Jackson. He is a substantial type man who would make a good pastor for any one of several open fields at this time. Rev. L. T. Greer, Greggton, Texas, is another one of our Mississippi boys who should be brought back home.

The bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, reports a recent special offering of \$2,882.20 to their building fund. A much greater percentage of the membership participated in this gift than ever before.—Walter L. Johnson, pastor.

Newton: The cash offering for the building fund at Newton last Sunday was \$2,239. Our total is now \$14,845, and our goal for the building fund by January 1 is \$15,000.—Reporter.

Some 170 ministers of the Southern California Convention met in September at Thousand Pines Camp for a three-day prayer conference. There was more praying than there was conferring. This is as it should be. Power does not come from our well-thought-out plans, but from our Lord, who has promised that if we ask we shall receive. Too often the old-fashioned prayer meeting has become a conference meeting with a good deal of entertainment thrown in.—Watchman-Examiner.

Sec. Thomas J. Watts of the Relief and Annuity Board underwent a serious operation Nov. 2. He was doing well at last report. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

Staff Sergeant Paul F. Tull and Miss Lura Rogers of Senatobia, Miss., were married October 17. Sergeant Tull is the only son of Pastor and Mrs. Selsus E. Tull of West Helena, Arkansas, and at present is with the U. S. Artillery at Fort Sill, Okla.

"Smoking, drinking and dancing were forbidden for Chinese students today in an order of the Ministry of Education warning against bad deportment and acts of violence of wartime thrift and economy." Associated Press dispatch from Chungking, China, Sept. 24. And we call China pagan and America Christian.—Exchange.

Recent visitors to The Baptist Record office include the following: Dr. J. W. W. Lyle, Lena; Rev. W. B. May, Ashland; Dr. W. R. Cooper, Tyler-town; Rev. H. T. McLaurin, Newton; Rev. and Mrs. C. M. Day, Liberty; Rev. H. L. Rhodes, Ackerman; Rev. Paul D. Boothe, Port Gibson; Rev. R. W. Porter, Lambert; Rev. H. G. West, Ecu; Rev. J. B. Dorroh, Eupora; Rev. T. T. Gooch, Oakland; Dr. J. D. Franks, Columbus; Rev. J. D. Ray, Tupelo; Judge J. W. McCall, Memphis; Rev. J. F. Sullivan, Ocean Springs, and Dr. P. I. Lipsey, Clinton.

In last week's issue under the picture of James L. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven, the address was given as Clinton, Mississippi. We hope no one was misled by this error. He is a resident of Brookhaven and the people there say that they hope he spends the rest of his life in that good town as pastor of the First church.

New Albany: Our church voted to empower the organ committee to buy an organ when they were satisfied that it was what we wanted. Last Monday a check was mailed to the Louisville Organ Studios closing the deal with them for a Three Manual Moehler Organ with harp and chimes to be completed by March 15.

Missionary J. G. Chastain preached the Thanksgiving sermon at the Interdenominational Pastors' Conference of Buena Vista, Virginia.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
Ackerman	94	
Louisville	367	61
Cross Roads (Webster)	76	
Crystal Springs	418	120
Westside (Natchez)	95	42
First church Jackson	975	255
Calvary Jackson	856	230
Parkway Jackson	451	
New Albany	435	137
Bethlehem (Jones)	63	70
Carson Ridge	69	

TELEGRAPHIC NOTE TO MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS:

We are happy to be able to tell you we have paid some tens of thousands of dollars of our bonds, and as yet have had to borrow NO MONEY.

Let PASTORS, TREASURERS and OTHER individuals and CHURCHES get monies for this purpose to us as quickly as possible, thereby helping save several thousand dollars more in interest.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTISTS ARE ON THE MARCH! Blessings upon you.—D. A. McCall.

BR—BAPTIST FOUNDATION ELECTS OFFICERS

Speed, Polk And Hederman Named

The trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation met in Jackson on Dec. 3 and elected Leland Speed, of Jackson, president; E. C. Polk, of Hattiesburg, vice president, and T. M. Hederman, Jr., secretary-treasurer.

The Baptist State Convention at its meeting in November, authorized the organization of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation and named as trustees thereof, R. L. Covington, Hazlehurst; F. L. Fair, Louisville; R. B. Gunter, Florence; T. M. Hederman, Jr., Jackson; E. C. Polk, Hattiesburg; Rex Reed, Tupelo; P. M. B. Self, Marks; Leland Speed, Jackson, and Sydney Smith, Jackson.

The charter was presented and approved by the trustees and by-laws for the government of the foundation were adopted.

The Board of Trustees in their session discussed far reaching plans looking to the endowment of Baptist institutions and agencies operating in Mississippi through gifts in cash to the Foundation and through legacies and bequests in wills from interested parties.

Dr. R. B. Gunter reported the first gift to the Foundation of \$1,000.00 and presented to the chairman a check for this amount from Walnut Grove Baptist Church of Leake county, the amount to be invested as a part of the endowment of Mississippi College to endow the Chair of Bible in said college as a memorial to Dr. M. O. Patterson, the income therefrom to be paid to said college as provided by the by-laws of the Foundation.

Leland Speed advised that he would make a contribution of \$1,000.00 to the expense fund of the Foundation, and it was agreed that the expense fund for operation of the Foundation for its first year would be provided by the trustees without asking for contributions from the Convention Board and the several Baptist institutions.

A motion was made and carried that authority be conferred on the Executive Committee to employ an Executive Secretary and such other temporary help as the chairman might desire, with authority in the Executive Committee to fix salaries and compensation of persons employed and to also provide for other necessary operating expenses.

BR—The South is often called, with a senseless sneer, "the Bible Belt." We wonder whether that is the reason the Baptists thrive so wonderfully down that way? Half the Baptists of the world live within the territory of the Southern Convention.—Watchman-Examiner.

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Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

Our Mississippi Baptist pastors are cordially invited to attend at least one of the three-day Evangelistic Conferences held during the three months Statewide Soul Winning Campaign. The conferences are incidental to the revival itself. Each conference should be a great asset to the Soul Winning effort. Each pastor should write the proper person listed below asking for overnight entertainment, stating when and how he expects to arrive and leave: Dr. L. G. Gates, Laurel; A. B. Pierce, New Albany; Claud B. Bowen, Jackson; J. A. Stewart, Clarksdale; Fred B. Bookter, McComb; J. D. Franks, Columbus:

The list of conferences and dates are as follows:

Laurel, January 24-26.
McComb, February 14-16.
Jackson, February 28-March 1.
Columbus, March 6-8.
New Albany, March 20-22.
Clarksdale, April 3-5.

I 1944 B. T. U. Theme Song

Thy will be done in all the earth, As in Thy heav'n above; And may all nations come to know The fullness of Thy love.	Thy will be done in every heart Whatever may befall; O give us strength to follow Him Who died to save us all.
Thy will be done in all mankind— At home, beyond the sea; The living Christ be lifted up That all may live for Thee.	Thy will be done in every church Redeemed by Christ our Lord; God help us win and teach and train According to Thy word.
Thy will be done, dear Father! Almighty God Thou art! O let Thy love and beauty reign Supreme in every heart.	

II

DO YOU BELIEVE IN STATE MISSIONS? How can one read such testimony as this and not resolve to have a part in it?

"The other day as I left Natchez I noticed a soldier going my direction. It is my policy never to pass up a soldier if I have any room at all for him in my car. Soon after he got in the car I told him I had dedicated the car and all the time I have while driving to the Lord.

"The soldier was not in the car very long before I inquired if he were a Christian. He gave me the usual answer—'No,' but that he 'tried to do what was right all the time.' I asked him if he had ever made a profession of any kind. He said that he had not. I asked him if he had ever had the New Birth experience. His answer was, 'I am quite certain I have not had such an experience.' I then explained to him the Plan of Salvation, his need for accepting this plan, and that to accept Christ was simple. He said he would consider it but that he was not ready to accept Christ just then. I then explained the need for immediate acceptance—the great love that God has manifested, the awful condition that he was then in, and that the consequences were so sure and horrible if he did not accept Christ as his Saviour.

"The soldier then replied that he would like to accept Christ but that we would be unable driving along in the car to go through any ceremony. I explained to him that it was simply going to the Lord and apologizing in complete surrender and faith. He said, 'Do I go to Him as I would to a person?' My answer was in the affirmative.

"The soldier then said, 'Let me think about it for a little while.' I prayed mighty hard as he studied about it. He suddenly, after a few moments of deep thought, turned to me and said, 'I will.' Before I could make a suggestion about prayer or park the car for prayer, he was on his knees on the floor board of the car with his face upward in his hands, and hands in the seat cushion praying audibly for God's forgiveness of his sins. He prayed for some two or three minutes, arose and extended his hand and said, 'I'm so glad that you talked with me, and that now I am His and my sins are forgiven.' When he got out of the car he stated to me that he was going home and to the church and make public his confession of Christ. He gave me his address.

"The soldier was not out of the car more than twenty minutes when a young Negro man, less than twenty years of age, got in the car, and before he was with me fifteen minutes, he too accepted Christ. We parked the car long enough for him to pray for forgiveness. He stated he was writing his mother about his experience and that he would at the next meeting he attended, recognize Christ publicly as his Lord.

"During my visit to one of my district associations I had the privilege of picking up nine people that day. I talked with each one personally about their relationship to God. One man in particular was led to rededication, explaining that he had been fighting the call of God to do definite Christian work. He asked for the privilege of distributing tracts daily at his job. He asked for several hundred of these tracts, which I gave him, and my address so he could replenish the supply."—W. E. Greene, Enlistment Pastor.

III

"But speaking the truth in love." Ephesians 4:15.
That is good Scripture—also sense. It is a part of real

living! For self, we wish we had more of it. We wish we exercised more of it. First of all, "speaking." God gave the tongue and all vocal organs for that purpose—that we might speak. Many times we remain quiet when we might speak to the glory of God. But, alas! we speak amiss. Let us use the God-given function. "Witness," Acts 1:8. "Testifying," Acts 20:21. "Go-say," John 20:17.

Second, "speaking the truth." It is so easy to color and discolor a thing just a bit—"by our personality"—yes, and by Satanic influence. It is so easy for us to have the other fellow (in our own mind) saying something he didn't say. "Speaking the truth." God is TRUTH! All else is a lie!

Third, "speaking the truth in love." Yes, a father chastises a son, but he does not run a dagger through him! Rapier-like words are not spoken in love! "The poison of asps is under their lips." Romans 3:13.

"That we be no more children." Ephesians 4:14. The opposite of "speaking the truth in love" is not the sign of a big, brainy and brawny man, but of childishness. It is to be "not grown-up."

All of this is in connection with the very "gift of Christ." Ephesians 4:7.
IV

Some weeks ago we were privileged to attend a teachers' and officers' meeting of the Clinton church and present State Missions. Dr. Thompson, superintendent, is proving to be an energetic leader.

About the same time, we were in a good chaplains' breakfast affair, arranged by Mr. Langley. We are sure it added to the spirit of unity and service in our work throughout our state.

Usually the pastor is entertained. Dr. Claud Bowen, Calvary Baptist Church, reversed the order recently and with Mrs. Bowen, entertained deacons and their wives. It proved to be a profitable session. Calvary is going forward in a great work!

We had thought we would relax a bit after the Convention. However, before we realized it, we were "strung out" in an intensive schedule. On Saturday night we were at Puckett with Brother Fitzgerald and his interested folks. An offering was taken for the work. Sunday we were with Pastor Don Jones and his fine folks at New Hope and Marion churches in Lauderdale county. The pastor leaves New Hope giving full-time to Marion. We had good fellowship. Monday we were with some Baptist "boys" and others in the Optimist Club—they stood up under a message. Tuesday evening with Brother Langley we attended the Service Men's dinner at First church, Hattiesburg. Mrs. G. C. Black is doing good work as hostess. Of course, Dr. Brown, pastor, was present. He is a tower of strength in our Mississippi Baptist life. En route we drove by to see Brother Reese Rogers, and of all things, found him at his cane mill canning "frozen sunshine." We then drove on by Laurel. Here we heard good reports from Brother Faggard's meeting.

On Thanksgiving, we saw three special congregations take three orphanage offerings. We spoke for Dr. Hewitt at 7:30 a. m. As we went by to speak to him briefly, we found him in excellent spirits. Mt. Creek, Rankin county, and Oakdale congregations were excellent. Pastor Tyler is happy in the work at Good Hope, Leake county, where we were for two largely attended services this past Sunday.

Rev. Carl Bates, Leesburg, Florida, writes of ten coming for baptism last Sunday and is generous enough to connect it with the recent revival. His work takes an upward swing! That is as it should be!

V

Most of us will agree that the ideal division of gifts by a church is 50-50. That is, 50 per cent for the local work and 50 per cent for His work beyond the local church. Few churches reach this 50-50 standard. Only the exceptional church goes beyond it. We note that a former pastorate, Lyon church, with Brother A. E. Mason as pastor, gave 66 per cent to outside causes and used 34 per cent in the local work.

Who is next? Step up!

On an average, all our Mississippi Baptist Churches are giving 80 per cent to local work and 20 per cent to outside causes.

Even on that church average, we divide our State funds 40 per cent to beyond State causes and 60 per cent to State work.

As the churches raise that level of division of 20 per cent, we will be able to come to the 50-50 per cent division of funds as received by the Convention Board Office.

Let us make our theme song, "Higher Ground."

VI

From the Broadman Press comes another volume dealing with the post-war peace. This time the title is, "Can We Win the Peace?" by Fleming.

The four chapter titles are:

Shall We Lose the Peace Again?
Can We Create a Workable Economic Democracy?
Ways Out of War.
Steps Toward Peace.

"Saved to the Uttermost" is a series of expositions by I. W. Wall from Hebrews. Many preachers and other Bible students will be delighted to get this expository treatment on this not too often studied epistle. It is another Revell volume.

Do you delight in a study of prophecy? "The Day of Wrath" by Harry E. Jessop is a study of prophecy in the light of our day. Some chapter titles are: "War! The Awakening of the Mighty Men," "Is This the Beginning of the End," "Wanted—A Superman," etc.

Dr. John D. Freeman presents and analyzes rural church problems in an excellent volume, "Country Church," just off the Home Mission press. He shows the fruits of cooperation, New Testament financing which includes the storehouse plan, and the church in the life of the community.

For many years of our ministry we have enjoyed Tarbell's Guide as a Sunday school lesson help. Sunday school teachers generally will welcome the new 1944 volume. Certainly, it's use will make for better Bible school teaching and study.

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS IN DANGER

At the present time the House of
Representatives has under considera-
tion H. R. 3472 (by Representative
Curtis) and H. R. 3473 (by Repre-
sentative Gearhart), companion bills,
"To permit the amount of charitable
contributions made or to be made to
be taken into account in computing
the tax required to be deducted and
withheld on wages."

The bill reads as follows: Be it en-
acted by the Senate and House of
Representatives of the United States
of America in Congress assembled,
That section 1622 (h) of the Internal
Revenue Code (relating to collection
of income tax at source on wages)
is amended by inserting at the end
thereof the following:

"Any employee may include in his
withholding exemption certificate a
statement of the amount of contribu-
tions he has made or will make in
the calendar year which are allow-
able as deductions under section 23
(c) in computing net income. If
such a statement is so included, the
amount so stated should be prorated
to payroll periods beginning with that
with respect to which the certificate
first takes effect and ending with
the last payroll period which ends
in the calendar year, and for the pur-
poses of subsection (b) (1) (A) the
family status withholding exemption
for each such payroll period shall be
increased by the portion of such
amount so prorated to such period.
If the employer exercises his election
under subsection (c) (1) (relating to
wage bracket withholding) the tax
to be deducted and withheld for any
payroll period shall be that deter-
mined without regard to this sen-
tence decreased by 17 per centum of
the amount so prorated to such
period, except that in no event shall
the amount to be withheld and de-
ducted be less than that prescribed as
the minimum amount to be withheld

and deducted in cases in which the
number of dependents is in excess of
the largest number shown on the ap-
plicable table."

As the law now reads, deductions
for church or charitable causes may
be deducted at the end of the tax
year. This bill simply allows the de-
ductions to be made as the salary is
earned and contributions paid. As
the law is now a person must pay
income tax on the contributions until
the end of the taxable year. Then
the taxpayer may get a refund.

Why require payment and then re-
turn the payment. To us it looks
fairer and more simple to allow the
deductions monthly as the salary is
earned and the contributions paid.

The present law forces wage earners
to loan a part of their salary to the
government. This is repaid later.
But why force the one class—the
wage earner—and not other classes?

And as this excess salary is with-
held, many people are going to con-
tribute less for they will have less
until the end of the taxable year.

As Congressman Curtis said, "For
the government to levy and collect a
tax upon income exempted by law
is unconscionable when a simple
amendment to the revenue laws,
such as the gentleman from Nebraska
proposes, would eliminate the possi-
bility and, at the same time, relieve
our already over-burdened taxpayers
of the necessity of choosing between
the constant filing of claims for ad-
justments of taxes or foregoing dona-
tions to churches and charities of
their choice.

"So simple is the change in the
law which the enactment of either of
our bills would accomplish I do not
think there is anything further in
the way of explanation of the meas-
ures that could be said in the light of
that which has already been said by
the gentleman who has just preceded
me. But, in conclusion, I would like
to call attention to what would be the
kind of world we lived in if we did
not have our churches, our charitable
organizations, and our educational
institutions. I need not point out
in any words that I might choose
that it would be a very different kind
of world than that which we now
live in and have heretofore known."

Free religious, educational, and
philanthropic institutions are basic
in our American life. Anything that
weakens their financial support,
weakens our nation and the world
civilization of which our nation is an
important part.

During the past 15 years our in-
come taxes have increased more than
1,200 percent while our contributions
to church and charity have decreased
31 per cent.

The favorite, and in some instances
valid, alibi for not maintaining or
increasing gifts to church and char-
ity is, "I am bled white by taxes"—

"I can't give another cent to charity"
—"The government is taking the
money which I once gave to charity.
Let them do my charity work for
me."

Our government has long recog-
nized officially that, by and large, a
dollar given for public welfare
through private philanthropy, up to
a reasonable limit of 15 percent of
income, accomplishes more for the
public good than the same dollar will
if paid in taxes and appropriated by
Congress. Senators and congress-
men fully agree that private philan-
thropy enlists more of volunteer, un-
paid, sacrificial cooperation, closer
scrutiny, greater economy of expen-
ditures, and more effective sympa-
thetic service than is possible under
even the best semi-political govern-
ment administration.

The taxpayer, as he fills out his
personal exemption blank for his em-
ployer, will be encouraged, if not re-
quired to give some advance thought
to his benevolent budget for the year.
If he determines in advance a fixed
percentage of his income for his
benevolences, even remotely propor-
tionate to the percentage which he
is paying for taxes, his total gifts for
the year will invariably show an in-
crease over what he now gives by
the prevailing haphazard "catch-me-
if-you-can" method.

Our readers are urged to write at
once to their congressman, their
senators, Congressman Bertrand W.
Gearhart and Congressman Carl T.
Curtis asking that they support the
bill mentioned above. And don't for-
get to mention the two numbers.

A LIFE WELL LIVED

On page one we publish the last
letter written by Bombardier Jesse
D. (Red) Franks, Jr., and some in-
formation about him which was given
by his father at our request. We
hope every parent will read it and
then see that their children read it.
It should be an inspiration to them.
This letter is more than an ordinary
letter. It is a classic in patriotic and
Christian literature. It deserves not
only wide circulation but to live be-
cause of the good influence it will
have.

Certainly every person in the armed
service as well as those who "stay by
the stuff" will be helped by reading
this triumphant Christian message,
full of faith that will inspire and
challenge others to deeds of daring
and to a higher patriotism. We knew
"Red" Franks as a student at Missis-
sippi College. He was an outstand-
ing student and athlete as well as
Christian. We also know at least one
boy who looked on him as his ideal.

Red didn't live long, but his influ-
ence will outweigh many who reach
three score and ten.

ADDITIONAL TRUSTEES LISTED

(Editor's note: Below we give the
names of the trustees of some of our
institutions. As space permits we
will give the other trustees and com-
mittees elected by the recent State
Convention.)

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H. Smallwood Laurel
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Jr. Jackson

(Continued Next Week)

WILL YOUR CHURCH BE ON THE GLORY ROLL OF THE BLUE MOUN- TAIN COLLEGE ENDOWMENT CAM- PAIGN BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

In the Nov. 25 Baptist Record in the
list of Baptist Convention officers,
we overlooked giving the title of G.
C. Hodge. He is pastor of the First
Baptist Church of Biloxi and is Vice
President of the Baptist State Con-
vention.

Thursday, December 9, 1943

THE BAPTIST RECORD

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TEMPERANCE

(Address of Dr. F. M. Purser before the Convention. Approved by unanimous vote of Convention and requested for publication in the Record.)

When we speak on "Temperance" here we are thinking of temperance as it is, or as we believe it should be applied to the manufacture, transportation, sale or drinking of beer, wine, whisky, or intoxicating liquors of any kind. We face a problem which is always difficult because of the will-power destroying force of intoxicants, a problem which becomes more difficult because of a habit-forming tendency, and which is now made ever increasingly difficult by insidious propaganda on the part of vested interests.

It might be well to think for a moment about the various solutions which, over the ages, have been proposed and tried. In turn we have had open saloons, local option, state-wide dispensaries, county-wide and state-wide prohibition, and national prohibition. Along with any and all of these methods we have had with us those manufacturers and dispensers who are commonly known as bootleggers, those who defy all or any law concerning the manufacture and sale of liquor. It is well to note that this element continues under any system of control or lack of control. If it is argued that these bootleggers increase in number and in activity during times of prohibition, and if this is admitted, there still remains the question as to total sales under different systems, and the question as to what method best controls the evil and best helps the entire community or nation.

One can only approach the question from personal experience and study. Your speaker has seen tried all of the methods mentioned, from the one extreme of open saloons to the other extreme of national prohibition. And in a talk on temperance we openly admit that national prohibition is an extreme method. We make this admission knowing full well how easily it can and may be deliberately misinterpreted by those forces who are anxious to have continued a lax system or no system of control. But at the same time that we say prohibition is an extreme, we also say we are dealing with an extreme evil, one with which we cannot afford to compromise for the sake of taxes, expediency, politics, parties, or anything else. For there are some matters in life in which moderation demands extremes. The state cannot be moderate in its handling of the evil of murder. Can it any better afford to deal compromisingly, in a middle-ground and fence-riding way, with that which kills the physical, the intellectual, the moral and the spiritual powers of its citizenship? When we think of it thus, it is no wonder therefore that in the matter of intoxicating liquors the word "temperance" has come to mean not any longer "moderation" but complete prohibition, the principle and practice of total abstinence. On that ground of total abstinence and its enforcement by law we take our stand, believing that total abstinence, voluntary or enforced, is the best solution available to the state. We would prefer persuasion and voluntary response, but when that fails, we believe that the social conse-

quences of intoxicating liquors are so wide-spread and so evil as to demand rigid laws honestly enforced.

We express now our deep regret that our present national administration seems to be intent on giving the liquor interests full sway. Apparently the influence of our national government at present is cast on the side of laxity. From the time when our President permitted truck loads of beer to be hauled to the White House, on to this day, control has been less and less. Having solemnly promised the American people that the saloon or its equivalent would not be allowed to return to American life, our President has seemingly done nothing whatever to keep that promise. We can only wonder if he tried to keep his promise and was so weak in influence that he utterly failed, or if he forgot his promise, or if he was talking with his tongue in his cheek when he made it. At any rate, we are informed that national prohibition closed 170,000 saloons, while today, after the repeal of the 18th Amendment, there are over 400,000 with bars and brass rails, like those before the adoption of the 18th Amendment. We believe this utter lack of control must certainly be due in part to the influence of our present national administration.

We urge a three-fold approach to the problem created by the manufacture, sale, and drinking of intoxicating liquors.

Let us first, as Christians, purpose in our hearts that we will have no part in this traffic, and that under no circumstances will we defile ourselves with strong drink. Let us covenant with our God in that matter which so often is ruinous to lives that we will take no drink of intoxicating liquor, no matter by whom nor where it may be offered to us.

Following our own personal determination and covenant with God concerning total abstinence, we come to our second approach. Let us live, preach and teach total abstinence to our friends and neighbors and to our fellow citizens at large. We need to give ourselves to a wide educational work and to a deep-reaching spiritual work in this matter. The present crusade of Southern Baptists challenges our finest help. We may well begin this work among professing Christians and church members, for we must confess with shame that our people are not entirely without sin in this increasing debauchery.

Third, there remains the group which continues refusal to respond to any appeal to the spiritual, which will not listen to any urging concerning the good of the entire social order, which insists on indulgence of the carnal regardless of others, and which demands what is cheaply called "personal liberty" to have a good time, even though that so-called good time may lead to physical death and spiritual ruin of friends and neighbors. Such a group must be forced in a matter which has such far-reaching social results. Society cannot permit such a group to control to the extent of no control. For those who will not live by the Spirit there must be law. In the shaping of law and its enforcement citizens who are Christian must needs take their full share of responsibility. If wild men loose on the world must be stopped, so must this wild and destructive beast be halted and shut off from its

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense
Projects Service

JACKSON—The Moffit Bible class of the First Baptist Church, Jackson, expects to cooperate with other adult Bible classes in the city and invite a group of convalescent soldiers to Sunday school and church service on one Sunday during each month. Members of the class wanting to take one or more of these soldiers home with them for lunch after the preaching service, will make known this desire a week in advance. On this basis the hospital will be contacted and a request made for the men to attend.

The W. M. U's of the local Baptist churches in Jackson are also working on a plan whereby they may visit the hospital one or more days each month. A woman representative from each of the Baptist churches wishing to participate in such a plan will be selected, and this Baptist organization will work together in a single Baptist unit, rather than each church working separately. This plan is preferred by the General Hospital staff. Many of the soldiers convalescing here are overseas casualties and were wounded or stricken on the various battlefronts. Both the Bible class and the W. M. U. are being assisted by this department in perfecting plans with the Foster General Hospital staff.

PRE-PEARL HARBOR FATHER—Is a father who is living with and supporting a child or children born prior to September 15, 1942. This term seems to be causing some confusion.

SERVICE TESTAMENTS—Publishers are still about 90 days in arrears with orders for New Testaments. Our supply is very limited, but we are still sending out some to those needing Testaments for loved ones in the service. If you have a brother, sister, or someone in the armed forces who is minus a Testament, then send your request in and we shall do our best to grant it as long as our Testaments last.

Hitler, the anti-Christ says, "As so often in the past, so today providence will bestow no gift on our na-

iniquitous work. Others who are perfectly sincere may differ as to the method. But to this speaker national prohibition is what we must have. If we must advance again by slow stages through the county and the state, that we will do. During the days of advance we will let it be known that our goal is complete control of this which is so destructive to all life. God being our helper, we will speak and act sanely, quietly, but intensely and earnestly. God being our helper, we will not compromise our souls by entering into any conditional peace terms with this enemy of mankind. We go each day as far as we can in overcoming this evil. We go step by step or mile by mile as we are able. But we tell the world that our continuous effort is put forth to blot this terrible stuff off the face of the earth.



E. F. HICKS

SELMER, TENNESSEE, PASTOR
COMES TO WAYNESBORO

Eldie F. Hicks, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Waynesboro, comes to Mississippi from the First Baptist Church at Selmer, Tenn. He also held a successful pastorate at Antioch church, Wickliffe, Ky., before going to Tennessee. He is a native of Paducah, Kentucky, and after graduating at Union University, he graduated with the Th.M. degree at Louisville, at the Southern Baptist Seminary.

Mrs. Hicks, the former Mary Dee Rose, is a native of Tennessee. They have one child, David Lynn, who is 16 months old. They are receiving a cordial welcome in Mississippi.

—BR—

PLANNING AHEAD

The following excerpt from a letter received from a girl in Massachusetts, whose father is head of one of the departments in Massachusetts State College, I am sure will make Mississippi Baptists say, "Thank God for Blue Mountain College":

"I expect to finish my high school work in 1945, since I am in the 10th grade now. I am, of course, hoping to go to Blue Mountain. No other college seems to offer anything near the standards of Blue Mountain."

tion in its struggle for freedom and its future."

THE BIBLE TEACHES—"Righteousness exalteth a nation; but sin is a reproach to any people." Prov. 14:34.

"Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operations of his hands, he shall destroy them, and not build them up." Psalm 28:5.

"The Lord preserveth all them that love him: but all the wicked will he destroy." Psalm 145:20.

—BR—

"Higher Ground Ahead" by Hight C. Moore and published by the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, is a beautifully printed monograph. In it our beloved Dr. Moore, recently retired editorial secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, expresses his convictions regarding the things necessary to bring us to higher ground in the days to come.

Class 21-43 was recently graduated from the Naval Training School—Chaplains, at the College of William and Mary. There were 24 graduates—9 Catholics; 5 Presbyterian; 3 Methodists; 2 Episcopalians; 2 Congregational; 2 Lutherans, and one Latter Day Saint.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

OUR STATE OFFICERS

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Laven Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Traylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centerville.

THE GOAL IS IN SIGHT! LET'S REACH IT!

A few days ago, when figures were tabulated showing the progress Woman's Missionary Union had made toward our million dollar goal for southwide debt-clearance, there surged through our hearts a consuming desire. We now know that with extra effort and with some unusual self-denial, we can pay in full that million dollars by the close of 1943! What joy that would bring not only to our hearts but to thousands of others, and best of all to the heart of Him "who loved us and gave Himself for us."

Last year the amount given by W. M. U. for southwide debts for the fourth quarter was \$85,096.89. Our treasurer says, "If the states hold their increase of 23%, it will give us approximately \$19,500 more which will take us out."

Just think of it! And you see, dear friends, what a comparatively small "extra" amount we would have to raise to attain this glorious result. But even so! it will not be raised without considerable extra effort and over-and-above giving.

There are several things we must remember:

First, it will not be sufficient for you as a state to pay your accepted goal. It was announced at our 1942 annual meeting in San Antonio that there was approximately \$62,000 not covered by state pledges, but in that same hour all the state representatives present stood and accepted that \$62,000 as the responsibility of us all. Therefore we have a responsibility beyond our state's first goal.

Second, we know it has been our policy from the first that our gifts for debt-clearance should be made according to the state's plan and were to be over-and-beyond our regular pledges for local church and Cooperative Program. We do not wish funds for these two fundamental causes to be diverted to anything else.

Third, it is the season for the Lottie Moon Christmas offering for world-wide missions. We will not fail to bring our love gifts for this glorious cause.

But after we have paid our pledges and brought in our offerings, there are very few of us of whom our Lord could say, "She hath done what she could." Most of us have our alabaster vases still unbroken.

This would be a good year to let the fragrance of overflowing love-giving permeate a sorrow-darkened world. We are so near our goal. It would seem a tragedy to fail.

Because it is so appropriate, may we remind you again of that slogan which the King of England has asked every man, woman and young person in his kingdom to adopt as he works and fights for victory, "IT DEPENDS ON ME."

"ME"—not the president and other officers of my W. M. U.; I must get busy. I must give 23% more for southwide debt-clearance than I did the last quarter of 1942. I must take

it upon myself to see that my W. M. U. does this also. Otherwise if we fail, I will be partly to blame.

If I do not have the money I can ask my family, for this one year, instead of giving Christmas presents to me to give me the money. I will do what I can to help our Union raise that million by the close of 1943!

That this may be done to the praise and glory of God, is our heart's desire and prayer.

(Signed)—

MRS. F. W. ARMSTRONG,
MRS. W. J. COX,
KATHLEEN MALLORY,
JULIETTE MATHER,
MRS. CARTER WRIGHT.

Margaret Fund Students

May I introduce to you our three Mississippi Margaret Fund students for this year?

Louise Freeman of Argentina, daughter and only child of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Freeman, is a sophomore in Blue Mountain College. She attended Union University in Jackson, Tenn., last year. Since her parents are on furlough at this time, they have taken a furnished home in Blue Mountain, and Louise has the happy privilege of being with them. She writes that she feels sad to remember that in about seven months they will be back at their post of duty and 8,000 miles from her, but she is enjoying every minute of the time she can spend with them. After receiving her Burney Gift Check she wrote that it enabled her to attend the State B. S. U. Convention where she gleaned many ideas which she hopes to carry to the young people of Argentina. Louise is majoring in foreign languages. She says English gives her no great difficulty, though she attended Spanish schools from the first grade through high school. Louise's address is Box 26, Blue Mountain.

Helen Belinda Hayes, of Brazil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Hayes, is called by the lovely name of "Linda." She is a freshman in Blue Mountain College and has been in the States only a few months. Her parents' furlough is due in August of next year. This will be her first Christmas to spend away from them. She expects to spend the holidays with her grandmother in Lexington, Ky. Linda also has relatives in Jackson, Miss. She is 16 years old, 5 feet, 2 1/4 inches tall and weighs 108 pounds. She writes that it would be impossible for her to express her gratitude for what the Margaret Fund is doing for her. Linda's address is Box 623, Blue Mountain, Miss.

Cita Harris of China, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, is a student in Mississippi College, though she plans to go to Blue Mountain College next year. Cita writes that it gives her such a warm, good feeling when she remembers how good Southern Baptist women are to her and she is so grateful for the Margaret Fund. Her address is Box 233, Clinton, Miss.

Bessie David, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. V. L. David of Argentina, formerly of Spain, is a special student in Clarke College, working off high school credits and taking college work, too. Her parents are living there at present but they hope to return to Argentina the latter part of this month. We will want to remember Bessie and her little sister in a special way as their parents turn their faces toward their field of service.

I am sure many of our women will want to write these lovely girls and perhaps remember them at Christmas time. May we call their names in prayer often.

Last year we had the privilege of "mothering" Margaret Mein, a student in Blue Mountain. This year she has gone to Georgetown College, Georgetown, Ky., that she might be near her parents while they are on furlough. She is preparing for medical work which requires a heavy course, but she enjoys it and looks forward to serving. She writes expressing her gratitude for gifts and especially for the prayers of Mississippi women. Her address is P. O. Box 88.

It is hoped that each society will have a Margaret Fund program once a year. At that time you may want to take an offering for the Burney Gifts. This money is distributed equally among the Margaret Fund students, \$10 each at the beginning of school, at Christmas, and before Commencement. Mrs. I. C. Knox of Vicksburg wrote to tell of the Margaret Fund program given in her association which was followed by a Silver Tea and a generous offering. The women wrote cards to each of the Margaret Fund students. Several "Margarets" have enrolled in the "Book of Remembrance" by sending not less than \$2.00 for each name enrolled.

It is a privilege to claim these children of our missionaries as our own for the brief years they will spend in College. May we be worthy of the trust.

MRS. D. R. BOWEN,
State Margaret Fund Chairman.

"ARMORED IN PRAYER," SAYS SOLDIER

Captain Charles E. Gibson, who served overseas for more than a year with the Eighth Air Force of the United States Army Air Corps, recently addressed the congregation of Monticello Baptist Church.

Captain Gibson gave an impressive testimony of his firm conviction that he was "armored" in prayer while on his twenty-five dangerous missions over enemy-occupied territory in Europe and that his safe return from these missions and to his home was in answer to the earnest prayers of his family and friends and his own prayers for safety. Captain Gibson affirmed that "fighting men" do pray and believe in prayer.

His message was a challenge to all Christians to continue to pray for the men in service.

25 Years Ago

Brother Jennings, in speaking upon the gift of \$100,000, which he and his family were proposing to make in order to bring Blue Mountain College into a lift of Convention schools, said that the Lowreys and Berrys were making a larger gift than the Jennings family was making. He said that the value of the property itself was double what he and his family were giving. And that the history, spirit and influence of the institution were worth far more than the total value of the property.

The Baptist Student Missionary Movement was organized Wednesday, November 27, 1918. The following officers were elected: Norris Palmer, chairman; Joe E. Bryant, vice-chairman; Lois Molpus, secretary; Addie Mae Stevens, treasurer.

At the recent meeting of trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Dr. H. M. King was elected president and P. B. Bridges, secretary. Dr. P. I. Lipsey, who had been president since the hospital started declined re-election.

Bro. J. E. Byrd, the president of the State Baptist Convention, called the eighteenth session of the Mississippi Baptists to order at 7 o'clock Tuesday night.

THE SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY ALUMNI MEETING

The alumni of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, had their annual meeting and banquet, November 17, during our recent Mississippi Baptist Convention, Jackson, Mississippi. This meeting was the best in several years, with Dr. Robert T. Daniel, professor of Old Testament and Interpretation as our speaker. Dr. Daniel brought us a great address and good information concerning our Seminary, numerically, spiritually and financially—debt-free! There were thirty-five present including our visitors, some of whom are as follows:

Dr. Robert T. Daniel, Rev. and Mrs. Madison Flowers, Rev. M. A. Davis, Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Morris, Rev. and Mrs. C. B. Hamlett III, Rev. John F. Carter, Rev. Jerrold Riddle (his father-in-law), Rev. J. W. Kitchens, Rev. G. C. Hodge, Rev. L. W. Estes, Rev. D. Swan Haworth, Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Harrington, Rev. E. S. Flynt, Rev. J. T. Carter, Rev. E. D. Estes and Missionary V. L. David. We regret very much that we do not have the names of others who were present in the meeting.

New officers: Rev. M. A. Davis, president; Rev. Madison Flowers, vice president, and Rev. John F. Carter, Clerk.

E. D. Estes, past president,
J. T. Carter, Clerk.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: 1 Timothy 4:13a and 15b:
"Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL."
Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."



CURTIS ASKEW

WHERE THERE'S A WILL THERE'S A WAY

Bethany Church Is No. 682

Curtis Askew, B. B. I. student and pastor of Bethany church, has demonstrated the fact that "where there's a will there's a way."

A newly organized church and a newly built building called for many expenditures. And hence, the deacons did not feel that they could include the Record in the budget. But read below the plan used by this young pastor to get it. It should put to shame some of these big churches that have a big debt and cannot include The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan in their program.

"I'm happy to write you this letter. It is to inform you that Bethany Baptist Church of Sunflower County Association has adopted the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Enclosed you will find a subscription list of fifty-two subscribers.

"I met with the deacons, whom incidentally we just elected Sunday morning, and we made out a new budget. They did not feel that they could include the Record, but one suggested that the new Adult Training Union class may be willing to send the Record to every home. I suggested it to the class Sunday night, and they enthusiastically adopted the suggestion.

"Our church has been built and paid for in the last 18 months, with new pews paid for. God has graciously blessed our church far beyond our deserts. May He have the praise."

Record readers in Sunflower county are listed as follows: Bethel 7; BLAINE 10; DOCKERY 11; DODDSVILLE 16; DREW 127; FAIRVIEW 30; INDIANOLA 107; INVERNESS 66; Holly Grove 1; LINN 65; MOORHEAD 74; NEW HOPE 36; ROME 24; ROUNDABOUT 27; RULEVILLE 66; SUNFLOWER 50; Parchman 1, and BETHANY 52.

Pastor Proves His Appreciation

October 24 completed twenty months service for me with the Shady Oak Baptist Church. I have from the very depth of my heart enjoyed these months. I resign the work with them wishing for this church the greatest blessing ever yet bestowed upon any church. At the same time I wish to have The Baptist Record sent to every family in the church and for the next year I am request-

ing that you mail a quarterly statement of the expense to me and I will send you the subscription price for the quarter. Also will you send me a bill for the past months that have not been paid up. I am sending the Record to these dear friends for this year as a token of my love for them and what they are doing for the Lord.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLEY L. SANDIFER.

TRINITY CHURCH ORGANIZED ADOPTS EVERY FAMILY PLAN

Trinity Church is No. 680

One of the newest churches in Mississippi is the recently organized Trinity church at Fulton. Realizing the value of an informed membership, one of their first actions was to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record. A letter just received from Dr. R. L. Seuter inclosed the EVERY FAMILY list from this young church.

Itawamba county has record readers listed as follows: Bethany 3; EVERGREEN 26; FAIRVIEW 15; Fulton 14; MT. PISGAH 12; Pleasant Grove 7; Poplar Springs 8; Salem 8; Tremont 1; and TRINITY 16.

Sand Hill Church is Number 683

One of the latest additions to the growing list of EVERY FAMILY churches is Sand Hill church, Greene county.

John I. Hill, moderator of the Greene County Association has the Record in all his churches. At the Greene County Association he spoke on The Baptist Record EVERY FAMILY Plan and Sand Hill believed him and adopted the EF plan then and there.

The Baptist Record now has subscribers listed from Greene county as follows: SAND HILL 12; AVERA 20; CEDAR GROVE 10; COUNTY LINE 15; EAST SALEM 16; FELLOWSHIP 12; JOHNSON CREEK 12; Indian Hill 8; LEAKESVILLE 43; McLAIN 47; Neely 5; PINE LEVEL 20; Pleasant Hill 1; UNITY 15; Washington 1; WEST SALEM 29, and LEAF 24.

CALVARY CHURCH, SILVER CREEK, JOINS THE EVERY FAMILY CHURCH CROWD

Is No. 681

One of the latest churches to adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan as a part of its progressive program is Calvary church, H. B. Speights, pastor.

Other evidence of progress in this good church is the fact that the income for 1941 was \$2,117, for 1942 \$2,690, and for 1943, \$4,500. The 1944 budget has been raised \$500, which includes an increase for pastor's salary.

They will soon have their new annex completed, which has eleven Sunday school rooms, a pastor's study, a basement auditorium and a kitchenette.

Lawrence county has Record readers listed as follows: Antioch 7; BETHEL 22; CARMEL 32; CALVARY 68; CROOKED CREEK 25; DECEDOS 15; Jayess 2; MONTICELLO 89; NEW HEBRON 66; NEW HOPE 62; New Zion 1; NOLA 31; OAKVALE 35; Oma 1; PROVIDENCE 16; SAUL'S VALLEY 20; SHILOH 49; OLD SILVER CREEK 32; SILVER CREEK 52; Wanilla 1; PLEASANT HILL 40, and TOPEKA 20.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE CELEBRATES SILVER ANNIVERSARY

P. H. Anderson

The Baptist Bible Institute has completed the first twenty-five years of its history, and has just celebrated its Silver Anniversary. We are all rejoicing in the divine favors that have rested upon this institution, and in the feeling of assurance that its future is guaranteed by the grace of God.

Four Great Sessions

The program for the celebration was divided into four sessions. The opening session Wednesday evening, Dec. 1, was the Denominational Hour. This session was ably presided over by Dr. M. E. Dodd, of the First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La. This was very fitting since Dr. Dodd is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, a member of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance, pastor of the largest church in the state of Louisiana, and one of the first to join in a definite move to establish the Baptist Bible Institute. His opening remarks concerning the beginnings of the history of the institution were instructive and inspiring.

The principal speaker at the Denominational Hour was Dr. J. E. Dillard. This, too, seemed providential. The Institute has not had a warmer friend and supporter during this quarter of a century of its history than Dr. Dillard. He has led the fight for the paying off of our debts, and is rejoicing with a holy enthusiasm that we are "debt free in '43." In his address on "A Baptist Confession of Educational Faith" he took high ground, interpreting Baptist convictions as they apply in the field of education, and pledging his unwavering support to the Baptist Bible Institute.

Other speakers at the opening session were: Dr. D. A. McCall, Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention; Dr. W. H. Knight, Executive Secretary, Louisiana Baptist Convention, and Dr. J. Norris Palmer, representing the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The second important session was a meeting of the Alumni Association, which was held Thursday morning, Dec. 2. This was the most important meeting ever held by the graduates and former students of the Institute. Nearly two hundred of them came together rejoicing in the manifest progress of the Institute, and pledged their unceasing devotion to its future. The address of Dr. Carl Campbell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jefferson City, Mo., on the subject, "We Owe a Debt," set a high standard of loyalty for the alumni. Rev. B. C. Land, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church, Tampa, Fla., spoke with great enthusiasm on "Planning for the Growth and Equipment of the Baptist Bible Institute."

Dr. W. A. Bell, pastor, Parkway church, Jackson, Miss., spoke on enlarging the alumni organization.

There is a definite conviction that the Alumni Association is coming into its own, and that it is going to function effectively in every state in the South. There is a great opportunity before these state groups of the alumni in enlisting students for the Institute, in raising funds for scholarships and other needs, in de-

THE MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Bryan Simmons

Having taken part in the discussion of this subject at the recent Convention, I am asking the privilege of saying a few words here. I was not opposed to the establishment of a Foundation. Anyone who has given so much of his life to raising money for our institutions could not be opposed to an arrangement for the regular and aggressive gathering of funds for these institutions. Those who know my record will attest that when I have said my say and the majority has voted its choice concerning policies, it has been my practice to go with the majority. Hence I go with the majority on the plan adopted for the Foundation and it shall have my prayers, good wishes and cooperation.

In offering a substitute for the plan adopted, my idea was to save key men to the Boards of which they were members, keep down expenses on the institutions while they were battling debts and provide a group that could most nearly dovetail the Foundation purpose and the debt-paying endeavor. By a vote of the Convention, these key men were saved to their respective Boards and equally capable men provided for the Foundation, the expenses of same for the first year are to be provided by the trustees themselves rather than by the institutions and agencies in whose interest they labor. Hence there is no occasion for concern.

It is a genuine, personal pleasure and surely a pleasure to many others to know that the first gift received by the Foundation was \$1,000.00 from Walnut Grove Baptist Church, through Pastor R. B. Gunter, for the M. O. Patterson Memorial. "Go thou and do likewise."

Praying God to lead the people, rich and poor, to use this new agency for the financial stabilization of our institutions and the purposes for which they stand, we look to the future with confidence and hope.

veloping an Institute atmosphere in their respective states, in seeing to it that the work of the Institute is adequately represented at the Associations and conventions, and in encouraging the administration in the prosecution of the Institute's great program.

One of the most enjoyable features of the whole program was the luncheon given by the Institute in honor of the distinguished visitors, at which some two hundred guests were present. Following the luncheon, P. H. Anderson spoke briefly expressing the joys of the faculty, and Dr. P. W. James reviewed the work of the trustees in connection with the selection of a president for the Institute. The highlight of this program was a pageant presented under the able direction of Mrs. Plunkett Martin, representing the history of the Institute from its birth in 1918 to the culmination of its first quarter of a century in its marriage to Dr. and Mrs. McCall. In the pageant emphasis was given to the preparation of Dr. McCall by divine grace for the presidency of the Institute.

The fourth session was given to the inauguration of Dr. McCall. It is described on another page.

1944 MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST

Calendar Of Activities

SOUL WINNING REVIVAL-HYMAN APPELMAN, NOTED EVANGELIST

JANUARY 23 - APRIL 16, 1944

JANUARY 1944						
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EVANGELISM—

Soul Winning Revival—January 23-February 6—Laurel
Hyman Appelman, Evangelist
Three day Evangelistic Conference—January 24-26—Laurel
Cooperative Program Emphasis
Now Club Emphasis
Baptist Hundred Thousand Club
Tithes and Offerings
Daily Bible Reading
Mississippi Baptists will owe no MORE
November First, 1944.

S. S.—Statewide Associational Officers Meeting.

W. M. U.—Institutes for Study of W. M. U. Year Book

B. T. U. — Statewide Simultaneous Meetings January 24.
Associational Executive Committee meetings.

EVANGELISM—

Soul Winning Revival—February 6-20—McComb, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist
Three day Evangelistic Conference—February 14-16—McComb
Soul Winning Revival—February 20-March 5—Jackson, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist
Three day Evangelistic Conference—February 28-March 1—Jackson
Cooperative Program Emphasis
Now Club Emphasis
Tithes and Offerings
Daily Bible Reading
Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More
—November First, 1944

S. S.—Associational Meetings

W. M. U.—Y. W. A. Focus Week—February 6-11
Preparation for Home Mission Season of Prayer

B.T.U. — Tour of Colleges by State workers.
Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.

EVANGELISM—

Soul Winning Revival—March 5-19—Columbus, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist
Three day Evangelistic Conference—March 6-8—Columbus
Soul Winning Revival—March 19-April 2—New Albany, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist
Three day Evangelistic Conference—March 20-22—New Albany
Cooperative Program Emphasis
Now Club Emphasis
Tithes and Offerings
Daily Bible Reading
Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More
—November First, 1944

S. S.—Home and Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday Schools.

W. M. U.—Home Mission Season of Prayer February 28-March 3.

B.T.U.—Study Course Month (Churches using local talent)
State Workers in Enlargement Campaign
Associational Mass meetings.

EVANGELISM—

Soul Winning Revival—April 2-16—Clarksdale, Hyman Appelman, Evangelist
Three day Evangelistic Conference—April 3-5—Clarksdale
Cooperative Program Emphasis
Now Club Emphasis
(1) Christian Literature and Church Libraries; (2) Sunday School Training Courses; (3) Relief and Annuity Board.
Tithes and Offerings
Daily Bible Reading
Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More
—November first, 1944

S. S.—State Sunday School Convention April 25-28

Sunday School Training Courses

W. M. U.—State W. M. U. Convention, First Baptist Church, Jackson—April 4-6

B.T.U.—Youth Week (to be observed by church any week). State Workers in one day associational contacts. Associational Executive Meetings.

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EVANGELISM—

Revivals should be held in all churches

NOW CLUB VICTORY MONTH

EVANGELISM—
Vacation Bible Schools

Summer Revivals
Broadcast S. S. and B. T. U.

EVANGELISM—

Soul Winning Each One Whm One
(Speak daily to the lost)

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EVANGELISM—

Revivals should be held in all churches immediately following the Appelman Soul Winning Revivals

Southern Baptist Convention May 16-18 Cooperative Program Emphasis

Now Club Emphasis

Tithes and Offerings

Daily Bible Reading

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More —November first, 1944.

Brotherhoods Stressed

S. S.—Vacation Bible Schools; Hospitals: Christian Home Week May 7-14; Cradle Roll Day.

B. S. U. Spring Retreat

W. M. U.—G. A. Focus Week, May 7-12

B.T.U.—Christian Home Week (Literature available) Associational Elimination Contests preparatory for District Convention. State Workers enlisting churches for summer program. Associational Officers' and Leaders' Conference.

SEPTEMBER 1944						
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EVANGELISM—

State Mission Season of Prayer

W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, Ky., Opening. Officers and Teachers Election in Sunday School—Promotion Day.

B. T. U. Promotion and Reorganization

Now Club Special Emphasis

Cooperative Program Emphasis

Daily Bible Reading

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More —November first, 1944.

S. S.—Officers and Teachers Election.

Promotion Day in the Sunday Schools

W. M. U.—W. M. U. Training School (Louisville, Ky.) Opening. Associational Meetings. State Mission Season of Prayer, September 18-20.

B.T.U.—Promotion and Reorganization of Unions. Fall Study Course Month. State Workers Enlargement Campaign. Associational Mass Meetings.

NEW CLUB VICTORY MONTH

EVANGELISM—

Vacation Bible Schools

Christian Education Day

Cooperative Program Emphasis

VICTORY — NOW CLUB — DEBT-PAYING — VICTORY!

Tithes and Offerings

Daily Bible Reading

District B. T. U. Conventions

Camps for Young People—Ridgecrest

YWA Camp June 15-22. W. M. U. Family

Day—Invite ALL auxiliaries as guests of the WMU.

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More —November first, 1944.

S. S.—Vacation Bible Schools; Christian

Education Day; Extension Department

Day.

W. M. U.—Camps for Young People—

Ridgecrest YWA Camp, June 15-22—W.

M. U. Family Day—Invite all auxiliaries

as guests of the WMU.

B.T.U.—Fifteen (15) District B.T.U.

Conventions June 5-23—Associational

Mass Meetings.

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EVANGELISM—

Enlistment Pastors Special Emphasis on all phases of Baptist Work

Definite Now Clu Emphasis

Cooperative Program Emphasis

State Mission Day in Sunday Schools

Annual Church Night of Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Laymen's Day—Brotherhoods Emphasized

Associations

Sunday School Study Course Month

B. S. U. State Convention

B. T. U. Enlargement Month

Daily Bible Reading

Mississippi Baptist Will Owe No More —November first, 1944

S. S.—State Mission Day in Sunday

Schools; Home Cooperation Week; Sunday School Training Courses.

W. M. U.—Observe Annual Church

Night of Stewardship

Clinics for Associational Officers

B.T.U.—Tour of Colleges by State

Workers

Enlargement Campaigns

Associational Executive Committee

Meetings.

EVANGELISM—

Summer Revivals

Ridgecrest S. S. and B. T. U.

Cooperative Program Emphasis

Now Club Emphasis

W. M. U. Camps

Vacation Bible Schools

Tithes and Offerings

Daily Bible Reading

Mississippi Baptists Will Owe No More —November first, 1944.

Brotherhoods Stressed

S. S.—Vacation Bible Schools; Rural

Training Program; Sunday School Week

at Ridgecrest.

W. M. U.—Camps for Young People

B.T.U.—Ridgecrest Assembly (three

weeks — July 19-August 8). Special

Summer work in rural churches begins.

Associational Executive Committee Meet-

ings.

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EVANGELISM—

Final Now Club Victory Month

Pastor's and Laymen's Conference —

November 13

State Convention Mississippi Baptists

—November 14-16

Every member canvass—1945—Budget

Appreciation Month

Offering—Baptist Orphanage

Special Thanksgiving Program in all

Churches

Baptist Record Month

Cooperative Program Emphasis

Tithes and Offerings

Daily Bible Readings

Mississippi Baptists! Debt FREE!—1944

S. S.—Building Sunday School Attendance

W. M. U.—R. A. Focus Week—November 5-10

Preparation for Foreign Mission Season of Prayer

B. T. U.—Appreciation Month—Special

recognition of groups or individuals

Special Thanksgiving Programs

State workers available for banquets, special programs or Enlargement Campaigns.

Associational Officers and Leaders Conferences.

DECEMBER 1944						
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EVANGELISM—

Joy to the World—Luke 2

Christmas Program in all Mississippi

Baptist Churches

Lottie Moon Offering

Complete Every Member Canvass for

1945 Budget.

Convention Board and Executive Committee (annual) Meetings.

Cooperative Program Emphasis

Tithes and Offerings

Special Christmas Eve Prayer Service

December 24.

Daily Bible Reading

Mississippi Baptists—Debt—FREE—1944

S. S.—Continued Enlistment in all the

Sunday Schools

W. M. U.—Season of Prayer for Foreign

Missions—December 4-8.

B.T.U.—State B.T.U. Convention—December 28-29.

Associational Mass Meetings

Watch Night—Council, Social, Devotional.

DEPARTMENT OF TRAINING

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CLAUD B. BOWEN

November 20, 1943.

Dear Friends of the Training Union:

In behalf of the membership of Calvary church I should like to invite you to attend our State Training Union Convention held in our church December 30-31. It will be a real pleasure to have you as our guests, and we shall try to do all that we can to provide conveniences to help make this our greatest Convention. We have a great leader in Mr. Auber Wilds and we want to show him how anxious we are to cooperate with his plans set forth to meet our spiritual needs. Let us come together with a prayer that the Lord will give us a vision. May we come together expecting great things to take place. This can be a great experience for you and me if we will let it become so.

Again I should like to offer you a big welcome from our people.

CLAUD B. BOWEN, Pastor
Calvary Baptist Church.

Contests to Be Held at the Convention

We will have the four contests as usual at the State Convention. The winners in the District Conventions last June will be the ones who will take part in the contests at the State Convention. The Bible stories for the Story Hour children will be graded; that is, we will have all the children of Beginner age in one group and those of Primary age in another group. The Junior Memory Work contest for the Juniors who were "perfect" at the District Convention will prove a most interesting feature. These Juniors will be drilled on the Memory Verses taken from the last two quarters of 1943, plus the special list of questions used in the District Convention. The Intermediate Sword Drill will be of special interest this year as we plan to let the winner represent Mississippi in the Southwide Sword Drill held at Ridgecrest, N. C., next summer. The first and second place winners in the District Conventions will be eligible for the drill at the State Convention December 30th. We will use the drills given in the Intermediate Quarterlies for 1943. The Unfinished Quotation Drill will be the Memory Verses for the last two quarters of 1943. The Young People's

speaking will likewise be of special interest this year for we will expect the first place winner to represent Mississippi in the Better Speakers Tournament at Ridgecrest next summer. This will be the first time Mississippi will have been represented in this southwide event and we look forward to it with keen interest. A variety of subjects have been selected from which these speakers can choose.

Entertainment in Jackson

Our Convention is on a pay basis, that is, no free entertainment. We have a number of splendid hotels in Jackson, the prices range from \$2.00 a day per person, \$3.00 for two in the room, up. Those desiring hotel accommodation will write direct to the hotel and make reservation. This should be done early. The five larger hotels are: Robert E. Lee, Walthall, Heidelberg, Edwards and Royal. We are securing homes for all who prefer home entertainment. The rates in homes will be \$1.00 for either one or two persons. If you care for entertainment in the home you need not make reservation, just come on and we will assign you to a home after you arrive.

No Registration Fee This Year

Just for an experiment we will not have the usual registration fee this year. We will have a free will offering, however, this offering to apply on the expenses of the program. We want everyone who can to come to the Convention for we believe a blessing awaits you.

Juvenile Talent Parade

Each year the talent parade proves to be one of the high honors at the State Training Union Convention. This year it should be even more interesting than ever. Every Union is entitled to representation on this part of the program. Each Union will be limited to two numbers, and all songs will be limited to two verses. Do you have a Junior or Intermediate who has special talent? Bring him along. We want the program to be varied. We should have violin, trumpet, trombone, accordion, xylophone, harp, guitar, banjo, saxophone (and did I leave out any?). We should have readings, drawings, speaking. Make the contribution you make short and snappy, but come and join in this high hour. Write us and tell us what you will have.

Baptists and the Bible

The basic principal of Baptists is "We believe the Bible is an all-sufficient guide for our Faith and Practice." Because of this we believe the Bible should be in every home, and should be the property of every person. We believe it should be read, believed, and practiced. The American Bible Society is doing more than any other group to give out the Word. They furnish free of charge the Bible or portions thereof to the men in the armed forces, war prisoners, refugees, inmates of penal institutions, and many others in special need. The Scripture in foreign mis-

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES BLUE MOUNTAIN COLLEGE ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Glory Roll

(These churches have exceeded their "announcements.")

Skene, Mt. Moriah (Calhoun), Indian Springs (Jones), Walnut Grove, Tupelo Calvary, Lowland (Leflore), Improve (Marion), Blue Mountain, Louisville, Pleasant Home (Jones), Vardaman, Carrollton, New Montpelier (Clay), Horse Shoe (Holmes), Shannon (Lee), Waxhaw (Bolivar), Smithville, Woodland (Pontotoc), Osborne Creek (Prentiss), Lexington, Lewisburg, Pickens, Center Hill (Leake), Prairie, Spring Creek (Neshoba), New Augusta, Booneville, Dundee, Inverness, Cascilla (Tallahatchie).

Added this week: Walnut, New Albany, Wallerville, Mineral Wells (DeSoto), Sessums (Oktibbeha), Spring Hill (Pontotoc).

Honor Roll No. 1

(These churches have obtained more than 75% of their "announcements.")

Pine Grove (Clarke), West Point, Cary (Deer Creek), Leland, Louin, Lyon, Senatobia, Friendship (Wayne), Blythe Creek (Zion), McAdams, Wesson, Mt. Carmel (Leake), Lena (Leake), Hopewell (Scott), Summerland (Smith), New Providence (Leake), Euclalubba (Lee), Baldwin, Chalybeate, Curtis Creek (Tippah).

Added this week: Gaston (Alcorn), Harrisburg (Lee), Eddin's Memorial (Newton), Faulkner, Blue Springs, Silver Creek (Walthall).

Honor Roll No. 2

(These churches have obtained more than 50% of their "announcements.")

Corinth First, Arcola, East Salem (Greene), Clinton, Jackson First, Lexington, Fulton (Itawamba), Meridian 15th Ave., Midway (Lauderdale), Greenwood First, Holly Springs, Ripley, Grenada, Beulah (Attala), Bethany (Bolivar), Providence (Calhoun), Enterprise (Clarke), Bethesda (Lowndes), Collins, Elizabeth (Deer Creek), Providence (Grenada), Pochontas, Yokena (Hinds-Warren), Sharon (Jasper), Mt. Oral (Jones), Anguilla, Sunrise (Leake), Emmanuel (Lebanon), Flora, Mt. Pleasant (Marshall), Kilmichael, Prospect (Perry), Pontotoc First, Briar Hill (Rankin), Sardis (Smith).

Added this week: Woodland (Chickasaw), New Haven (Choctaw), Midway (Leake), Mt. Zion (Leake), Purvis, Lawrence, Brooksville, Mabon, Birdie (Riverside), Florence.

Helpers' Roll

(These churches have obtained from 1% to 49% of their "announcements.")

Antioch (Alcorn), Bear Creek (Attala), Canaan (Benton), Boyle, Bruce, Providence (Carroll), Amity (Chickasaw), Ackerman, Harmony (Clarke), Crystal Springs, Mt. Horeb (Covington), Belzoni, Hernando, Lucedale, Biloxi First, Jackson Griffith Memorial, Goodman, Bay Springs (Jasper), Calvary (Jones), Center Ridge (Kemper), Oxford First, Meridian First, Crooked Creek (Lawrence), Carthage, Hattiesburg First, Bissell (Lee), Itta Bena, Fair River (Lincoln), Canton First, Slayden (Marshall), Crosby (Mississippi), Center Hill (Monroe), Bluff Springs (Neshoba), Conehatta (Newton), Elim (Noxubee), Self Creek (Oktibbeha), Batesville, Brewer (Perry), McComb First, Ecu, Steen's Creek (Rankin), Marks, Forest, Magee, Lorena (Smith), Indianola, Friendship No. 2 (Tallahatchie), Coldwater, Whitten Town (Tippah), Old Ham (Tishomingo), Fayette (Union), Old Oak Grove (Union Co.), Tylertown, Ellison Ridge (Winston), Tillatoba (Yalobusha), Yazoo City, Mathiston (Zion), Concord (Adams-Franklin), West Corinth (Al-

sion fields is sold at far less than the actual cost of production. Their work is carried on or made possible by gifts of friends of the Bible. Many churches are putting an amount for the American Bible Society in their annual budget. Not a bad idea. Don't you want to share in this?

DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR December

Evangelism—God's Great Gift.
Christmas Program.
Lottie Moon Offering.
Complete Every Member Canvass.
Convention Board Meeting.
Cooperative Program.
Now Club.
Student Night—Christmas Season.
Observe Season of Prayer for Foreign Missions, Nov. 29-Dec. 3.
Promotion Service for Young People's Auxiliaries.
Elect Officers for 1944.
Send Quarterly Reports.
Watch Service, December 31.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.
Foreign Missions.
State Baptist Training Union Convention, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Dec. 30, 31.

corn), Kosciusko First, Ashland, Cleveland, Calhoun City, Egypt (Chickasaw), Bethlehem (Choctaw), Quitman, Columbus First, Damascus (Copiah), Union Sr. (Covington), Greenville (Deer Creek), Eudora (DeSoto), Agricola (George), Leakesville, Hardy (Grenada), Gulfport First, Antioch (Hinds-Warren), Cruger, Escatawpa (Jackson), Prentiss (Jeff Davis), Ellisville, Blackwater (Kemper), Abbeville (Lafayette), Meridian Highland, Bethel (Lawrence), Friendship (Leake), Calvary (Lebanon), Plantersville (Lee), Morgan City, Columbia First, Byhalia, Aberdeen, Coldwater, Newton, Macon, Morgan Chapel (Oktibbeha), Starkville, Sardis, Beaumont (Perry), Summit, Algoma, Brandon, Clarksdale First, Raleigh, Drew, Friendship No. 1 (Tallahatchie), Fellowship (Tippah), Belmont, Zion Hill (Union County), Mt. Carmel (Winston), Coffeeville, Anding (Yazoo), Cumberland (Zion), Lucien, Hinkle Creek (Alcorn), Flat Rock (Benton), Duncan, College Hill (Calhoun), Houlika, Beulah (Choctaw), Shubuta, Gallman, Mt. Olive (Covington), Hollandale, Shady Grove (George), McLain (Greene), Biloxi Second, Edwards, Learned, Durant, Pascagoula First, Montrose (Jasper), Bassfield (Jeff Davis), Fairfield (Jones), Clear Creek (Lafayette), Daleville (Lauderdale), Monticello (Lawrence), Bethel (Leake), Glendale (Lebanon), Sallito, Schlater, Brookhaven, Columbia East, Potts Camp, Liberty, Amory, Oak Grove (Neshoba), Beulah (Newton), Shuqualak (Noxubee), Cortland, Corinth (Pearl River), Naville (Pike), Cherry Creek (Pontotoc), Antioch (Rankin), Darling (Riverside), Mendenhall, Fairview (Sunflower), Charleston, Tyro (Tate), Mt. Olive (Tippah), Fairview (Tishomingo), Union Church, Concord (Winston), Elam (Yalobusha), Black Jack (Yazoo), Eupora.

Added this week: New Salem (Adams-Franklin), Kossuth, Sallis, Hickory Flat, Merigold, Derma, Vaiden, Houston, Blythe Creek (Choctaw), Stonewall (Clarke) Pheba, Georgetown, Salem (Covington), Rolling Fork, Pleasant Hill (DeSoto), Rocky Creek (George), Holcomb (Grenada), Bay St. Louis, Jackson-Calvary, Tchula, East Moss Point (Jackson), Laurel-First, DeKalb, Yellow Leaf (Lafayette), Goodwater (Lauderdale), Calvary (Lawrence), New Zion (Leake), Hattiesburg-Main Street, Oak Grove (Lee), Mt. Pleasant (Lincoln), Galilee (Mississippi), New Prospect (Monroe), Duck Hill, Linwood (Neshoba), Clarke-Venable (Newton), Crenshaw (Panola), Picayune, Bogue Chitto (Pike), Clear Creek (Rankin), Lambert (Riverside), Oak Grove (Scott), Sylvarena (Smith), Ruleville, Bethany (Tallahatchie), Harmony (Tippah), Sardis (Winston), Bentonia, Mantee.

WILL YOUR CHURCH BE ON THE GLORY ROLL BEFORE CHRISTMAS?

Sunday School Department

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary

MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

Flood In January!!!

Yes, sir, let's give Nashville a Flood in January!

A Flood? Yes, indeed, a Flood—in January, 1944!

Well, now that may call for a little more talk. Just what kind of a flood do we mean?

Here's the idea: We mean a Flood of Standard Applications.

You see, the class and department standards run by the Sunday school year. They are also made out on the basis of a quarter's work. Since the new Sunday school year begins the first of October, that means the first quarter ends December 31. This also means that the applications for standard recognition for the first quarter can be made out in January.

Ten, the Sunday school standard runs by the calendar year. Therefore, the applications for standard recognition for the general school standard can also be made out in January.

So, it just works out that classes, departments, and schools can all make out their applications for standard recognition in January.

That's the January Flood we want to give Nashville. Therefore, let teachers, department superintendents and general superintendents get busy now and check up to see just how they stand. If you are short on any points now, bring this to the attention of your workers and urge them to work hard so that all points will be met by January first so that the application for the award can be made out and sent in in January.

Application blanks for classes, departments, and schools will be gladly sent on request. Also any other literature pertaining to the standard.

Will you do it? What? Help us give Nashville a real Flood of Standard Applications in January. Let us make it the biggest January Flood of Standard Applications we have ever had! We can, and we somehow believe we will. Be ready to send in yours on New Year's Day. That will be a fine way to start the New Year.

Yes, sir, we are counting on you, teachers, department and general superintendents.

And There Was Light!!

Recently we were making a night trip by bus. We were on the side opposite the driver and in the front aisle seat, which gave us a perfect view of all approaching traffic.

While riding, we became interested in the lights of all approaching vehicles. We noticed, for one thing, that every one had light. Some had only one light, however. As we watched these lights we were set to thinking of the light the Christian sends forth.

There were cars with one light only. It was light but not much light; not enough light. We thought that with some Christians it is that way: light but not much light. You know they are Christians, but the light they send forth into a dark world does not make much dent upon it.

Also, we noticed that the great majority of the cars had two lights. That seemed to be standard—judging from the great number of vehicles

that had two lights.

Then we thought of the average Christian. The one who sends forth a light that is sufficient to dispel much darkness; the one who is fairly regular in his church obligations, both financially and in the matter of attendance upon the services. He is the average Christian. They are in the majority many times, but not always.

We also noticed that the large passenger buses and transport trucks had many lights. Some of them were large ones and some of them were small. Some of them were high and some were low. Some of them were near the front and center and some were on the sides. But, the vehicles with many lights were so easily distinguished as being a different type of vehicles from the average ones we met. One knew at the very first glance that it was not the AVERAGE kind, and this was known first by the lights.

That set us to thinking of the Christian who is not just the AVERAGE but who is above the average. There are those Christians who send forth much light. They are so easily seen. The light of Christ is so evident in their lives and in all they do that they are immediately known. They are regular in attendance upon the services at the church; they are loyal to and cooperative in the whole program of their church and denomination; they are tithers of their money, liberal with their time, generous with their fine and wholesome influence.

Jesus admonished us to let our lights shine into this old dark world. The more light we have of Christ in our lives, the more we will have to shine forth in the world.

The desire and prayer of every Christian should be that he may have yet more and more light from Christ, and be as the vehicles with many lights; namely, so that no one would mistake them, but always easily distinguished.

Got That Diploma?

Remember: Our slogan this year for this item is BE A DIPLOMA HOLDER! There are hundreds of teachers and officers who lack only one book having their diploma, and yet other hundreds who need only two books.

Check up on your standing and set out to get your diploma this year. Many are now at the job of getting their diploma. If you do not know what books you have had, write us and we shall gladly tell you and also suggest the ones you need to get the diploma if you want us to.

Join the BE A DIPLOMA HOLDER parade for this year. It will be worth lots to any one to finish any book in the Sunday school course of study. It is a great part of the preparation program necessary for the most successful Sunday school work.

—BR—

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TROY PRINCE

TROY PRINCE BECOMES ASSISTANT PASTOR AT BROOKHAVEN

Troy Prince, a 1942 graduate of Mississippi College and until recently associate pastor at Pritchard, Alabama, has accepted the position of assistant pastor at Brookhaven. Not only is he a preacher but he is an accomplished musician. And the team of Sullivan and Prince is counted upon for good things at Brookhaven.

His wife is the former Irene Turner from Leakesville. She is a 1942 graduate of Mississippi College.

—BR—

PURVIS

It is with considerable joy in the First Baptist Church of Purvis, Mississippi, that we are able to report we are traveling again on the Christian Highway of Life.

Rev. D. A. Hogan, who was the pastor of the church for more than eleven years, joined the army as a chaplain in April, 1943. During the summer months the church was without a pastor until Rev. Troy A. Sumrall of Tifton, Okla., was called and accepted the pastorate September 1, 1943, at which time the church went from half time to full time.

Sunday school officers and teachers were elected along with B. T. U. officers and leaders, giving a full program for the church each Sunday. It is gratifying to see the growth of the Sunday school and B. T. U. under the guidance of our new pastor and directors.

The latter two weeks of October the regular church revival was held with Brother Sumrall doing the preaching. Sixteen additions were made to the church, twelve by letter and four by baptism. Judging by the large attendance and the spirit at these services the revival was a big success and was enjoyed immensely by all.

It is a happy and thankful thought shared by all that we have a pastor like Brother Sumrall, and may we as a church never cease to give thanks that he came this way. The theme of his life can be summed up in one sentence, "The great use of his life is to trade it for something that will outlast it."

—BR—

Pastor H. G. West of Ecu was prevented from coming to the Convention because of the illness of Mrs. West. But he has made full atonement. A recent letter brought a nice list of subscriptions from Guntown church. This is a hint!

CHAPLAIN LOWRY NOW IN ITALY

Chaplain Mark Lowry, who has been in North Africa for several months, has crossed the Mediterranean sea and is now in Italy. He holds services, sometimes four or five times a day, where his men are stationed.


Soldier boys are eager to hear the gospel, and great crowds of them attend.

There are conversions almost every day. On one day twenty soldier boys accepted Christ as Saviour.

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He writes that the roads are full of people returning to what was once their home.

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Miss Thelma Arnote, Southwide Story Hour leader, will have charge of the conference for all Story Hour workers during the special conference for Associational leaders on Dec. 31st, second day of State B. T. U. Convention.



JOE DAVIS HEACOCK

Joe Davis Heacock, Southwide Associational leader for the Baptist Training Union will be one of the guest speakers and conference leaders at the State Baptist Training Union Convention and Training Meeting.

WORKING TOGETHER WITH GOD

Matt. 9:35

I. Cor. 3:9

(D. Swan Haworth)

As today's Christianity faces today's world it recognizes a great task to be fulfilled. We have obligations to the Lord Jesus who called us and commissioned us. We have obligations to the people of the world whose Macedonian cry is real, even though not always expressed. We have obligations to ourselves for the price of progress calls for a sharing of what we possess.

Our task as Christians is the same as that of Jesus. He said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you." The same purpose that marked His coming, mark our continuing. He came to seek and to save the lost. To this task He has also sent us. He came not to be minister unto but to minister—to this ministry He has also sent us. He came that people might have life and have it more abundantly. To this same life-giving service He has called us. He came preaching, teaching and healing. . . . To this ministry of preaching, teaching and healing Jesus has called us even as the Father sent Him.

In the performance of this inclusive task we work together with Him. Nothing dignifies and ennobles my Christian opportunities more than the knowledge that I am "God's fellow-worker." Life takes on new meaning when a man gets this vision of his Christian service. The dedication of his life, the utilization of his time, the contribution of his money springs spontaneously from the man that has recognized the reality of this divine-human partnership. Here are great needs in the world that must be met. Here are inner feelings and desires that must be expressed. Here is a great God and Creator who has redeemed me from sin and called me to a partnership in the enormous enterprise of building a better world. . . .

Along with my Senior Partner I begin to view the field of labor. He has already advised me of the task at Jerusalem—how that through active participation in the work of my local church I can seek to fulfill the purposes of His coming and my calling. Great emphasis is laid upon the

Jerusalem opportunities. From my point of view this is a reservoir from which the system of irrigating channels take their rise. Jerusalem is the place where I live—where my personal service will be rendered. It is the bank where my money will be temporarily deposited while plans are made to check it out to the many other areas that must be rebuilt or strengthened.

In conference with my Senior Partner I am led to the very pinnacle of the temple. . . . to be challenged to save. From these heights He points out to me Judea and Samaria—and the uttermost parts of the earth and says, "Together we must conquer."

As I view the territory under His direction, I see my own great state of Mississippi that needs to know my Savior. I see the agencies already at work endeavoring to fulfill the desires and commands of the Master.

I see:

State Missions—with its ever-expanding ministry—leading in Biblical instruction, in membership training, in missionary education. Seeking to care for the various races within our walls, the soldiers within our gates, and the preachers who have filled our pulpits.

I see:

Christian Education—so desperately needed in this day. Minds that have been given by the Lord should be improved for His benefit, and committed to His work. To our understanding of the doctrine of heredity must be coupled the doctrine of immortality. We need education that teaches men to live on earth like sons of God.

I see:

The orphaned children—whose care God has entrusted to our keeping. . . . The chance to build a Christian foundation for a life that might otherwise have been built on wood or stubble.

I see:

Our Baptist Hospital—with healing in its wings. Jesus was concerned about the bodies of men. Often He is spoken of as the Great Physician. The body—the temple of the spirit—falls within the scope of His interest and therefore of mine.

"I am God's fellow worker." What

a thought! What an experience!

As the Major Partner in this great enterprise explains to me in our common task He leads me to the place where I can see Samaria—my Southland. Large cities that require a special type of missions. Foreign-speaking groups, Indians, Jews, Negroes for whom the Lord died.

Standing on the heights with my Senior Partner I behold the lands beyond the seas. Nations crushed by war—which is evidence that they were first attacked by sin. I realize that men are lost not simply because they have never heard of my Savior, but men are lost because they have sinned—and from sin there is only one avenue of escape. . . .

"For we are God's fellow workers." He furnished the raw materials—we work on the finished product. All of these things dear to the heart of God are dear to the hearts of His children. The peoples for whom Christ died are the peoples for whom I must live. I am almost stunned by the fact that He has not only permitted but has invited me to join Him in this great enterprise. I must do my best and I must lead my people to do their best. This is one world. My Savior's love includes it all—my own love must find expression in service and in offerings.

The task which I have discovered to be my part of the divine partnership, among other things, calls for the investment of my money. When I come to worship God in the church where I hold membership, I bring my tithes and offerings as a part of my worship. This is done upon the first day of every week. According to a marvelous plan that has been adopted by our denomination I can make one offering that will be used to sponsor all the Macedonian calls heretofore heard. My money is needed to extend the cause of Christ in my own state and around the world. The need is as constant as it is imperative. Every Christian ought to give something. Every Christian ought to give something every week. Every Christian ought to give as God has prospered him. Every Christian ought to give to every cause included in the area of God's love.

This I am privileged to do through what is properly called a Cooperative Program. It is cooperative in that you and I join in promoting the work previously discussed. It is cooperative in that your church and my church can pool their offerings in working together with God, in shedding abroad the good news of salvation, in ministering to the bodies, minds and souls, of divinely created beings, in the establishment of a new world order.

I like the Cooperative Program. It is inclusive, it is consistent, it is cooperative. As a steady diet I think we will do well to emphasize it. I believe that if we will follow it as a major emphasis we will be able to comply with the rest of Paul's admonition—"that there be no (special) collections when I come."

In introducing a new convert to his kingdom opportunities I highly recommend the Cooperative Program.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

QUIZ QUESTIONS FOR TEACHERS AND CLASSES

(Correct answers on Page Fifteen.)

1. What do you know about the reference to, and the making of soap as mentioned in Jeremiah 2:22, and Malachi 3:2?

2. Where in the Bible does it state that women should keep silent, and why should this edict be necessary?

3. Can you name the father of an outstanding Bible character who was taller than any of the people?

4. "And the Lord said until Moses, make thee a fiery serpent," etc. (Numbers 21:8.) By what name was the serpent known?

I firmly believe that because of the needs included it offers the best place to invest our tithes and offerings. In the church I am privileged to pastor we have two separate financial pledges—one to our building fund and another to what we call the current expense and missions fund. This latter amount is now being divided as follows—60% for local work and 40% to go through the Cooperative Program. . . . We're pressing rapidly toward the day when we will at least match our local expenditures with contributions to outside causes. Some things we may have to leave off in order to reach this goal, but in the long run I believe we will have more of our people giving more of their money to more of the causes included in our mission.

As the weekly checks are mailed from our church to the office of our State Mission Secretary we will continue to feel that they should be signed: "God's Fellow Workers."

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Lesson For December 12
CHRIST'S NEW COMMANDMENT
Mark 12:28-34; John 13, 34, 35;
15:10-14

Introduction.

Read chapter 12, beginning with verse 13. Here is an account of a political bloc formed for the purpose of catching our Lord in His talk. They proposed to do that by posing a certain question which would place Him in a dilemma. So the Pharisees and the Herodians ask Him a political question. Ought the Jews to pay taxes to the Roman government? Now they have Him, no matter which answer He gives. If He shall answer "Yes," they will immediately tell the people that, and He will lose His following, because the people regard themselves as held by the Romans in unrighteous bondage, and will regard anyone who acquiesces in their condition as an enemy to the people; if He shall answer "No," they will immediately report Him to the Roman authorities, who will arrest Him as a fomentor of rebellion against the government. So, in either case, they get rid of Him. They come to Him as who should say, "Get yourself out of this one if you can."

But He very easily got Himself out of it, and when He had done so, the Sadducees pose their question. They do it as who should say, "So you believe in a resurrection of the dead. Very well, then, what becomes of your resurrection in this case? Of course, you will understand that we enlightened Sadducees have entirely too much sense and learning a dialectic skill to believe in any notion so childish as a resurrection, anyhow. So they tell Him a story, a very unlikely story, and then fling their question, "In the resurrection whose wife shall she be of them?" Now read again this section (vv. 18-27), and see how our Lord gave answer in one of the very greatest of all arguments for the resurrection.

So the Pharisees and their friends (?) the Herodians ask Him a political question, while the Sadducees ask Him a religious question. To each He gave answer meet to each of them. So there came the scribe to ask his question.

I. The Questioner.

"One of the scribes" (Mark 12:28); "One of them, a lawyer" (Matthew 22:34); "A certain lawyer" (Luke 10:25). He was one learned in the Jewish law. Mark says that he knew that Jesus "had answered them well," and I think he wanted to get clarification of his own thinking by hearing this young teacher, gifted with such remarkable ability to express a thought, put into words an answer to his question. Matthew and Luke say that the lawyer asked our Lord the question to try Him, that is, I think, to test Him, prove Him, not necessarily to "show Him up" in any unfavorable light, but to get at the truth as Jesus might express it. I rather like this "lawyer"; because he seems to me to be an honest chap, gifted with a measure of intellectual sprightliness which had, nevertheless,

failed to make a fool of him.

II. The Question.

"What commandment is the first of all?" Of course Jesus was not being asked to designate the first of the Ten Commandments, not even to select one commandment of the ten to set up as the most important. He was being asked to specify a class of commandments or a particular one which contains the binding elements. "What is the firstness of every commandment? What is it that gives primacy, priority to the claim of any commandment?"

We are told that the scribes had expanded the commandments into a table of almost 600, of which quite a majority were prohibitions. Among all these, what is it that gives to any one of them or any class of them a primacy among the whole number?

III. The Three-Fold Answer to the Lawyer's Question.

So our Lord gives direct answer, "Israel, you listen." Now you read it till you can say it without looking at the book.

(1) The Unity of God. "The Lord is one." It had taken the Lord God many centuries to teach His people that truth. His was the only people of the ancient world who did believe it, ever, and they had to learn it the hard way. They were confirmed polytheists when they came out of Egypt, and they remained so in spite of the incident of Aaron's making them the golden calf, and the numerous warnings God gave them and the severe chastisements He inflicted upon them during their desert wanderings and after they were settled in the Promised Land.

Modern astronomical science and other branches of physical science have been of great assistance to us in our gaining of a firm grasp upon this truth. This world is not a chaos but a cosmos. It is also a unity, a universe, bound into oneness by the nice balance between the forces centrifugal and centripetal. The attraction of every particle of matter in it by every other particle of matter in it holds it in perfect balance and keeps stars and satellite and system each in crystal path of space, forever speeding, forever singing, according to the law of its creation, as that law is enforced by its Creator. A few different elements make up the earth, and the same few elements make up the sun and moon and all the stars that differ from one another in glory.

Now, the God of this universe is one. He made this earth one, and "He made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth" (Acts 17:26), and His love for them and provision for them and grace to them is one, however individual and personal it may be to every one of them.

Do you know anything more comforting than this? Whether in sickness the Great Physician, or in health the Great Guide, He is the same. Whether unto men in sin the merciful God of the ideal Father's merciful heart, or whether in a state of grace, the God who works in us, both to purpose and to perform, He is the one God. He is here in this study with me and out yonder on the Pacific coast or on the bosom of the broad ocean with my soldier boy. He is the same God, and I can appeal to Him to care for that boy while he is down under, and do so in the certain knowledge that both hears me here

and keeps my boy down on the under side of the earth. Aren't you glad He is one?

(2) The Commandment. "Thou shalt love." And this great word "love" is not intended to express a mere sentiment, a passing passion, however powerful. It means a stirring of the whole heart in search of a harmony with the affection and reason and wish of its object, when such affection and reason and wish have had all impurities refined out of them. The objects of love are two.

(a) "The Lord thy God." Love for Him must be all-absorbing.

The whole heart, "with all thy heart." Let us not at this time attempt any nice distinctions between heart and soul and mind. The great idea is that we are to love the Lord with our entire beings, not only, but with all the strength of them. It will not do to love Him as we love ourselves. Our love for Him must transcend any other love either of self or others.

(b) "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." And immediately my brother says, "Oh, you can't do that!" Well, I did not tell you to, I just wrote down what the Lord said. And that is not the only impossible thing He commanded us to do. No one less ever had the audacity to say to a bunch of young fishermen, "Ye are the light of the world, ye are the salt of the earth." And what a bunch of fishermen! That big chap there. Say, did you ever hear a man who could really "cuss" get started? If you haven't and should love to, you should have heard this fisherman. Did you meet a chap who wouldn't believe a thing you told him, unless he could see it himself? Or a chap who believed that whatever was, was wrong? All those chaps were in that group to which our Lord said, "Ye are the salt of the earth, ye are the light of the world." Brother, He made that out of those men, and He could make a gentleman of you, if you'd give Him a chance.

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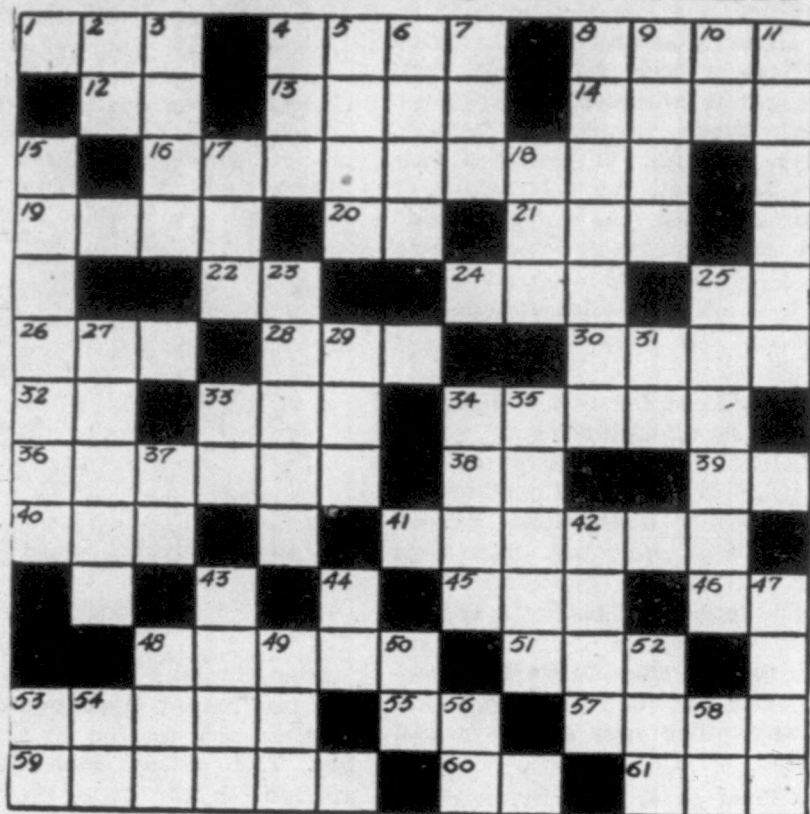
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 - 13 "he . . . no pleasure in fools," Eccl. 5:4.
 - 14 "I . . . unto the fools, Deal not foolishly," Ps. 75:4.
 - 16 "Folly is joy to him that is . . . of wisdom," Prov. 15:21.
 - 19 "His soul shall dwell at . . ." Ps. 25:13.
 - 20 House of Commons.
 - 21 Relative.
 - 22 Pound.
 - 24 "said, I go, . . . and went not," Matt. 21:30.
 - 25 Forest reserve.
 - 26 Churn.
 - 28 ". . . not vain repetitions," Matt. 6:7.
 - 30 Greek hero.
 - 32 "a man wise . . . his own conceit," Prov. 26:12.
 - 33 "foolish son is the heaviness of . . . mother," Prov. 10:1.
 - 34 "O fools, and slow of . . . to," Luke 24:25.
 - 36 "How long, ye . . . ones, will ye love simplicity," Prov. 1:22.
 - 38 Capital of Moab, Num. 21:15.
 - 39 ". . . every one that thirsteth," Isa. 55:1.
 - 40 Nineteenth letter of the alphabet.
 - 41 "honour for a man to cease from . . ." Prov. 20:3.
 - 45 Ever (cont.).
 - 46 Right guard (football).
 - 48 Father-in-law of Jacob, Gen. 27:43.
 - 51 Pat.
 - 53 ". . . is more hope of a fool," Prov. 26:12.
 - 55 "fear of the Lord . . . the beginning of knowledge," Prov. 1:7.
 - 57 Table-land.
 - 59 ". . . is a poor and a wise child than
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- 2 "saith among the trumpets . . .," Job 39:25.
 - 3 "eyes of a fool are in the . . . of the earth," Prov. 17:24.
 - 4 Fellow of the Horticultural Society.
 - 5 "hath taken an . . . of him," Ezek. 17:13.
 - 6 Pertaining to the ear.
 - 7 Lord high treasurer.
 - 8 Asteriated stone.
 - 9 Celt.
 - 10 Japanese measure.
 - 11 ". . . poison is under their lips," Ps. 140:3.
 - 15 "but fools . . . wisdom," Prov. 1:7.
 - 17 Snake-like fish.
 - 18 Son of Hur, Ex. 31:2.
 - 23 "which . . . his house upon the sand," Matt. 7:26.
 - 25 "foolish son is the calamity of his . . ." Prov. 19:13.
 - 27 Common herb, Matt. 23:23.
 - 29 Compass point.
 - 31 Doctor.
 - 33 High priest.
 - 34 "and fools . . . knowledge," Prov. 1:22.
 - 35 "and have . . . exceedingly," 1 Sam. 26:21.
 - 37 Manuscript.
 - 42 Duke of Edom, Gen. 36:43.
 - 43 "hast no . . . with me," John 13:8.
 - 44 North America.
 - 47 "wise son maketh a . . . father," Prov. 15:20.
 - 48 ". . . me not wander," Ps. 119:10.
 - 49 Honey-making insect.
 - 50 Nickel.
 - 52 "be continually vagabonds, and . . ." Ps. 109:10.
 - 53 Terbium.
 - 54 "rebuke a wise man, and . . . will

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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3. Let every Mississippi Baptist and church give largely to JUNE offering.

4. Bring tithes and offerings to House of God.

5. Pray about this entire matter.

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Probably the most gracious spirit at the recent Convention was exercised by Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey.

We had heard that the Education Commission owed Blue Mountain College a total of \$34,000. Such matters had been set up before we came into this position. In setting up the complete debt picture we used that figure. When our audit came along it showed the figure as \$24,000. We have always gone by the figures where we find them in this office. We promptly changed the figure in our picture to \$24,000. Dr. Lowrey sat in the Board meeting when the debt picture was presented, and did not even enter the customary, dignified protest. Later he told us he believed he could show where, according to the Convention minutes of given years, the figure stood rightly at \$34,000. He showed it to our satisfaction. We were entirely willing for that or any other matter to be made right as needed. The Committee in Review, however, suggested the danger of opening up the whole question again. Dr. Lowrey in the true spirit of Christian brotherhood, graciously bowed the entire item out of the picture.

Mississippi Baptists can stand a few exhibitions like that to the strength of their souls.

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A STORY OF SUPREME COURAGE

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the danger of this raid and I always want you to know that I love you and am so proud to be your son and can do this, even though my part is little.

"Remember me to all the folks back home. Everyone has always gone out of their way to be nice to me. I love Columbus—everything about it—the people, town and the spirit behind what makes it such a wonderful place to live. I love everything there.

"Take good care of yourself, little Sis, and don't let this get you down because I would never want it that way.

"Never change—be the same swell Dad always. Remember, you are doing the best job in the world now and you always have done the best one.

"Hope you don't get this letter, but one never knows what tomorrow will bring.

"Your devoted son.

"My favorite chapter is the 91st Psalm."

This letter was left with a fellow officer "to be mailed only in case I do not come back."

Lt. Franks served in England and the Middle East all together about three months. His plane belonged to the famous group known as "Ted's Traveling Circus." His plane was in the lead formation which went in over Ploesti. He had the rank of "First Lieutenant." Before that last raid he was awarded the Air Medal. Since he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Purple Heart.

He was a great Christian. He packed into the few years that he lived more happy, radiant Christian living than many do in a life of three score and ten years.

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J. H. WARE HOME FROM JAPANESE INTERNMENT CAMP

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have three children, Emily, James, Jr., and Mary Carolyn.

Although his main task has been in the field of evangelism, Mr. Ware has served with telling effect in the educational realm, and through him many young ministers and Christian workers have secured educations, in addition to his regular teaching service. He has been instrumental in promoting a church building and loan fund, started by a personal gift from his father's estate. Out of this fund, which grew through donations from others interested, fifteen church houses and pastoriums were either built or repaired. In Shanghai, Mr. Ware's ability to direct laborers in doing much needed repairing on buildings wrecked by bombs resulted in material value increase for the Baptist property.

Known as a tireless worker, Mr. Ware traveled much of the territory on foot in the early days, before securing a motorcycle. Later the members of Mrs. Ware's home church, Tupelo First Baptist, provided a Ford car for his use in his widely scattered field.

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TRAINED MINISTRY IS STRESSED

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beginning and has served as president of the Board of Trustees since the organization of that body. In an address at this special session he recounted the divine providences that

had been so obvious in the Institute's birth and history, and spoke with challenging faith for its future.

The hour for which all had waited came when Dr. McCall was presented to deliver his inaugural address. He spoke with clearness and force, showed a remarkable grasp of the problems before us in the field of theological education, and expressed his unqualified conviction that the Baptist Bible Institute should meet every demand for a highly trained ministry for this great field in the "deep south."

He declared that "our denominational colleges are meeting a vital need, and nothing must turn this institution from its destiny as a great missionary agency. It is significant that the importance of training ministers has been recognized in this hour of the world's alarm. Theological education has been given the status of an essential industry. All this has come about not through a sentimental attitude, but through the realization that the world of both today and tomorrow must be led in the realm of the spirit by men who know God, who know their fellow men, and who know life in all its parts."

The new head of the Institute mentioned that Harvard University was established for the purpose that "an educated ministry may not perish from the earth."

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MISSISSIPPIAN RETURNS ON GRIPSHOLM

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few weeks, and were later sent up in the mountains of the Philippines to a little city called Baguio which has figured much in war news since that date.

In October of 1937, when the news reached her of her father's death, Dr. Rankin advised her to take passage, which was available at that moment, to the States, since he nor anyone else could predict when they would be allowed to re-enter Shanghai. She arrived in Mississippi before Christmas of that year. After Shanghai had been taken by the Japanese, and things became a bit more settled, even though occupied, our missionaries went back into occupied China, and the city of Shanghai, to resume their work as best they could. Miss Byrd went back to China in the summer of 1938, and has not been home since that time.

The work in the university has proceeded since 1938 under great limitations, even though the largest enrollments in the history of the school were realized.

Finally in March of 1943, all of our missionaries in Shanghai were placed in internment camps.

Our State Department and Foreign Mission Board worked faithfully together in negotiating this second exchange of citizens. Thirty-five of our thirty-eight Southern Baptist missionaries were included in this repatriation. They left Shanghai on the Japanese vessel, Teia Maru, and the exchange was made at the port city of Mormugoa, Goa, off the west coast of India, on the morning of October 19. Our citizens boarded the Swedish vessel, Gripsholm, which had carried Japanese nationals from the States.

The family of Miss Byrd had a cablegram from her when she arrived in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on Monday,

B. B. I. INAUGURAL HIGHLIGHTS

It was of most pleasing interest to us all that Judge and Mrs. John W. McCall, the parents of our new president, could be with us for this celebration. Judge McCall, well known as the chairman of the Executive Committee of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, led the dedication prayer at the inauguration of his son.

The Baptist churches of New Orleans were gracious in their cooperation with the Institute in connection with this celebration. The first session—the Denominational Hour—was held in the St. Charles Avenue church. The Alumni session was held in the Coliseum Place church. The luncheon and the inauguration session were held in the First Baptist Church. All the Baptist churches of the city entered with us into the joys of the occasion.

The trustees gave their approval for an effort to raise \$200,000.00 for the erection of a new library building and a new dormitory for men. These are urgent needs which must be met without much delay. No new building has been erected for the Institute since the present campus was secured.

The musical programs for the celebrations, under the able direction of Prof. E. O. Sellers, Prof. Plunkett Martin, and Mrs. Walter J. Clark, were greatly enjoyed.

One great inspiration appreciated

November 15. She had letters awaiting there from all the family, which was the first mail that she had from home since the Pearl Harbor incident. Since she had any word from home many changes had taken place. She had news there that her mother was living in Nashville instead of Mount Olive, and that each of her brothers had a son that she did not know anything about. One of the brothers had married since news had reached her. In fact, she has three nephews that she has never seen.

She will make her home with her mother at 1901 Linden avenue, Nashville, Tenn.

Answers To Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (Soap): Potash, when mixed with oil formed a soap. This soap was obtained by burning various plants growing in salt marshes. These plants were known as "Sal-sola," and "Salicornia."

2. (Women keep silent): You will find the reason why women were to keep silent in I Timothy 2:10-13.

3. (Father of tallest man): The father's name was Kish, and the description of his son's tallness is found in I Samuel 9:1-2.

4. (The fiery serpent): The serpent was named Nehushtan and you will find it in Second Kings 18:4. Some writers claim that the name Nehushtan connects with the word "nehosheth" which meant "brass," or "the brazen thing." It is also said to be derived from the word "nahash" which actually means "serpent."

by all was in the fact that the Baptist Bible Institute, for the first time in its history, is entirely free from debt. We "owe no man anything but love," and we are giving that out with conscious joy.

The helpful assistance to the Institute rendered by the Advisory Board of the W. M. U. was recognized. Our good women are squarely behind this school and they will be a mighty factor in its future progress.

We were heartened by the presence of representatives from other institutions from far and near and by the many messages of congratulation received from still others.

The Institute earnestly desires to be remembered in the prayers of all our people as a new period in its history is begun. Our faith is in God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

P. H. ANDERSON.

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BOOK REVIEW

"Patty Lou of the Golden West," by Basil Miller, is a clean-cut story which will thrill every teen-age girl who reads its pages. It is packed from first page to the last with suspense and action, yet through it all, the author weaves a spiritual message. The price is sixty cents and the publishers, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

"Can We Win the Peace?" by Dr. D. F. Fleming, professor of political science, Vanderbilt University. This book contains the Norton lectures of 1943 delivered last spring to the students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Chapter titles are: Shall We lose the Peace Again?; Can We Create a Workable Economical Democracy?; Ways Out of War; Steps Toward Peace. The price is \$1 and it is published by the Broadman Press. The book may be ordered from your Baptist Book Store.

"Three Cheers" is a book of good sermons by Dr. Ross H. Stoner, pastor, Messiah Lutheran church, Philadelphia. The price is \$1, and the publishers, the Zondervan Publishing House.

"God's Unspeakable Gift," \$1, by Percy L. Haines, pastor of First Methodist Church, Reynoldsville, Pa., is a Bible-anchored book published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This book is the result of thirty-five years of exhaustive research through the Scriptures on the part of the author. Rev. Haines has endeavored—and succeeded—in revealing God's Unspeakable Gift, the Jesus Paul preached. The average Christian does not know what kind of a Christ he really has. This is a splendid book for these perplexing and tumultuous days. Dr. Herbert Lockyer says of this book, "It is to be doubted whether there is another book just like God's Unspeakable Gift on the market. To our way of thinking it is one of the most valuable additions to Christological literature we have had in recent years. Here is a book Bible students the land over will read with great pleasure and profit."

Basil Miller has written another good biography entitled "Madame and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek." It is now in its second edition and sells for \$1.50 and the publishers are the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. This is the story which has long been awaited by Christians everywhere. The Generalissimo and the Madame are recognized as today's outstanding Christian personalities. They have gained the respect, admiration and confidence of leaders in all parts of the world. They are world-citizens—yet more than that, they are citizens of a heavenly kingdom. Woven throughout this splendid biography is a strong emphasis on their conversion experiences and their consecrated, spiritual lives. Dr. Miller lays special stress on their testimonies as to what the Lord Jesus Christ means to them as Christian leaders of what we consider a "heathen" country.

"The Harmony of Science and the

Bible" by C. Theodore Schwarze, professor of civil engineering, New York University, is a helpful book for anybody. Some ten or more years ago the author of this volume began an intensive research into both science and the actual language of the Scriptures, both Hebrew and Greek. He found that all of his researches established the accuracy of the Word of God more firmly than ever.

A good book for any Christ and particularly pastors is "Dictionary of Bible Topics" by Theodore Grabener, professor of New Testament Interpretation Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis Missouri. The price is \$2 and the book is published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. It is a good book of ready references on matters historical and archaeological and especially of human interest connected with the study of the Bible. The book is not intended for the theologians but for the non-professional student, particularly for teachers in Sunday school and other part-time educational agencies of the church.

During the 12 months ending September 30, 1943, there were 510 additions to the First church, Galveston, Tex. Of this number 162 were received into the fellowship of the church by baptism. This is the largest number of additions and of baptisms in the 103 years of the history of the church. The church has \$85,000 in war bonds, and in addition has \$12,000 in cash in the banks. This accumulation is to be used for the erection of a new auditorium at a later date. Dr. Harold L. Fickett is the pastor. (Editor's note: Mrs. A. O. Spain (Frances Brame) is the pastor's secretary. She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Webb Brame of Yazoo City.)

"How many members want to escape the unceasing cry of 'Give! give!' But is 'giving' not the very condition of existence? The clouds give rain. What else are they for? The flowers give their scent, the cows give their milk, and the bees honey. The sun gives light and heat as the very reason for its existence; and a church has been purchased by Christ, and established in the world, for the purpose of giving—of showing forth God's glory, and imparting to the dead world the blessings it has received. Who ceases to give ceases to live."—Author unknown.

CHURCH GAMES PLAYED FOR STAKES DECLARED ILLEGAL

Gary, Ind.—(RNS)—Any game in which prizes or money are at stake is illegal in Indiana—whether it be played in church, private homes, or in gambling "joints"—according to Prosecutor Charles W. Gannon.

"The gambling laws make no exception of anyone," Gannon declared here, "and I am enforcing the laws without fear or favor, whether affecting charitable, religious or commercial enterprises."

Church groups in a number of Indiana cities have long made a practice of sponsoring benefit bingo games for fund-raising purposes.

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CHURCH MUSIC VS. MUSIC IN CHURCH

Ernest O. Sellers

This subject is not a play upon words. The difference is that of spirit rather than form and it is not at all times any too clear. Music, through its power of expression and impression exalts religion, strengthening and clarifying spiritual truth. It exists for this one and only purpose. When music fails to do this, no matter how exalted it may be as a fine art, it ceases to be Church Music and becomes "music in church."

It is impossible to make sharp distinctions between the musically artistic and the emotional in our mental and spiritual lives. Attempts to do so have sharply divided Christians. St. Augustine in 397 A. D. wrote: "When it befalls me to be more moved with the voice than with the words of a song, I confess to have sinned."

Music has a character of its own. Some of that we hear is emotionally nondescript and can scarcely be called religious. Music may express what words cannot, and words that are sung are different from the spoken ones.

Genuine church music must magnify and exalt our services. The sense of the place of worship, of the occasion of the services, will affect the listeners. . . . When solos are sung with false pathos and weak sentiment; when church music is exuberant and explosive, the congregational singing will be without devotional effect. A right performance and expression is as essential as the right notes. The individuality of the musician must be lost in the functioning of his work.

Congregation, clergy and choir make up the body of worshippers. The individuality of all must be merged in the act of worship. Genuine church music is never obtained unless all three are vitally correlated and a devotional spirit possesses each. Indifference, perfunctory performance and unrelated acts on the part of any one of the three will have fatal results. . . .

Serious-minded and interested pastors and song leaders should carefully read a recently published book "Music in Worship" by Joseph N. Ashton. —Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans.

NO LIQUOR ADS IN CANADA

One of the most revealing articles in current magazines is the report of Dr. William B. Lippard, editor of Missions, on his recent extended tour of Canada. Writing about our neighbor nation, he goes on to say: "I was greatly impressed by Canada's handling of the liquor problem. No insidious liquor propaganda is allowed to invade Canadian homes through radio or advertisements in the newspapers or magazines. . . ."

Example: "The Canadian issue of Time Newsmagazine, with its liquor advertising omitted, is hardly recognizable to the American visitor who reads it regularly back home. The automobile tourist never sees a billboard urging him to purchase this or that brand of whiskey. . . . Moreover, taverns are few in number, and they must close early in the evening." —L. D. Newton.

ARMY OFFICERS LEADERSHIP INCLUDES ATTENDING RELIGIOUS SERVICES

Memorandum to: All unit commanders.

1. In this war much is at stake for religion. One of the four freedoms of the Atlantic Charter for which we contend is freedom of religion. Religion is basic in American life and fundamental to our survival as a strong people.

2. In this division a religious life will be considered the normal life for all personnel.

3. I commend regular habits of church attendance. Our ambition is to have everyone in at least one church service each week. This is not simply to achieve a record, but to maintain a life.

4. Command responsibility: Experience shows that the success or failure of a religious program has a direct relation to the attitude and practice of officers and non-commissioned officers. There will be no compulsory church attendance, however, to attend religious service is part of an officer's leadership.

5. I commend the practice of all personnel carrying a prayer book or a Testament. One can be secured which fits the pocket on request from the chaplains. It may be very valuable when one is isolated from the chaplain, in peril, or in sudden need of spiritual help. Remember the Rickenbacker episode!

6. In view of our positive religious emphasis, ridicule or disrespect of a man's religious habits, devotions or church attendance will not be tolerated. Personal epithets or disparaging comments will not be permitted. It is the duty of officers and non-commissioned officers to prevent ridicule or disrespect in barracks or elsewhere.

7. Chaplains: I am holding the chaplains of this division to very high standards. They have a very grave responsibility with such a high percentage of teen-age men and an average age of only 21.9 years.

The chaplains are more than morale builders; morale building is every officer's duty. The primary function of chaplains is to be ministers of religion to the officers and men of this command.

In order to do this work most effectively, the chaplains are training with the men—going into the field—living with the troops—getting close to them—understanding their psychology.

Although the chaplains will be in the field as much as possible, it is to be understood that they must have adequate time for professional preparation.

The chaplains are devoting, and will continue to devote, long and intense hours in counseling men who come to the chapel offices, particularly in the evening.

8. Choirs: Choirs are desirable in each chapel. This necessitates time for rehearsals. C. O.'s should provide opportunity for interested men to attend rehearsals with minimum interruption in training.

9. The religious life of this command is fundamental. I invite the cooperation and loyalty of every officer and enlisted man in maintaining it.

F. B. PRICKETT,
Brigadier General,
U. S. Army, Commanding.